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VB Sheriff's Dept. to partner with 'Live PD'

TV show may ride along with deputies for a full year

By ROD SMITH
HP Correspondent

PAW PAW — When you see a Van Buren County sheriff's patrol car, smile. You might be on national television.

Sheriff Daniel Abbott on Tuesday proposed an agreement between the county and New York City-based Big Fish Entertainment, which produces the A&E network show "Live PD," for a year-long contract in which people from the show will ride with Van Buren County deputies and record what they do.

ABBOTT

"Maybe people will behave better," suggested Commissioner Paul Schincariol at Tuesday's county board meeting. Commissioner Don Hanson added that people might be scared straight.

The sheriff said this came out of an incident in which the show's producers heard that Abbott had taken part in the pursuit and apprehension of a suspect who had allegedly committed arson, domestic violence and felonious assault. Abbott said he had taken part in that incident because of his policy of being a "hands-on" sheriff. It was all caught on video.

He was interviewed for the show on Dec. 11, but the segment has not yet appeared. But during it, according to Abbott, the producers were impressed with the professionalism of his department and the producers did some research.

"We had good reviews," Abbott said.

They came back to Abbott with a contract to televise what deputies are doing. On Tuesday, Abbott brought that to county commissioners, who expressed interest. After the informal approval this week, they'll consider formal final approval in two weeks.

According to the contract language, "Live PD" gives an "almost live" (their emphasis) look at law enforcement. Two- or three-member camera crews ride along with police officers recording what they do and give "the appearance" of no editing.

"In Paw Paw, Michigan, we propose embedding with the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office (VBCSO) on 'ride alongs' to capture the 'real-time' perspective and diversity within the department and the city. The story will be told through the 'almost live' experiences on patrol. In addition to the 'almost live' content, episodes will feature pre-taped packages that will further showcase the officers, the work, the locations and the departments."

"The 'almost live' aspect will be on a 10- to 25-minute time delay. This delay will allow us to eliminate or blur sensitive material and address any legal concerns prior to broadcast. A department representative will have access to the broadcast control room on location to ensure the standards of content and safety protocols on behalf of the officers, the department, and the city," the contract said.

The contract says this is not a partnership or employment agreement and there's no mention of remuneration. But the company will carry insurance and defend the county against all claims and liabilities arising from the show, except in the case of willful misconduct.

Despite the fact it's a year-long contract, Abbott said the county can pull out at any time.

After commissioners gave their initial approval Tuesday, Commissioner Randall Peat called out, "Make us proud, Dan."

"I'm trying," Abbott said.

BENTON HARBOR

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Will Suggs and his wife, Jurlene Edison, have opened a mobile shoe store offering refurbished shoes, as well as some new ones.

Walking in their shoes

BH family starts business cleaning, selling used shoes

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — With six children, there were always a lot of shoes stashed around the house.

So Will Suggs and his wife, Jurlene Edison, decided to clean some of them up and sell them.

Ten years later, they've opened Stash Houz Kickz, and Suggs and Edison are ready to expand and take it mobile, hoping to help their community. For now, a trailer parked outside the couple's house at 1501 Colfax Ave., Benton Harbor, serves as their storefront.

Stash Houz Kickz, a new mobile shoe store in Benton Harbor, offers dozens of athletic shoes for children. Owners Will Suggs and Jurlene Edison said they want to help people buy shoes at an affordable price.

Inside are washtubs and cleaning materials which the family uses to clean up shoes, and a supply of name-brand sneakers for sale at bargain prices.

"I've been selling shoes for 10 years," Suggs said.

They started out small, selling their own children's used name-brand athletic shoes. Their children were involved in sports and cheerleading, so there was an overabundance of sneakers lying around the house, Suggs said.

Then the couple grew their business, started buying used shoes, refurbishing them and selling them at a price parents can afford.

At first they did business from tables outside their house, only in warm weather. Then, before their sixth child was born, they had a store called 5 Kids and a small restaurant in The Orchards Mall for two years. They decided they could do better outside the mall, so they moved their business back home.

Suggs said he bought a trailer last June, originally intending to create a food truck. But the couple's passion for shoes took over and Stash Houz Kickz opened in October.

"Having six kids, we were

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Mitchell hired as permanent BH city manager

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners unanimously hired Ellis Mitchell as city manager at a special meeting Wednesday.

He's served as the interim city manager since July.

MITCHELL

"I want to thank you very much for this appointment, and I want to make sure that you know that you've done the right thing by the work that we're going to do," Mitchell said after the vote. "You haven't seen anything yet."

Mitchell was the only person interviewed. The other person commissioners chose to be interviewed, Elke Doom, started working as the city manager of Eastpointe in December and was no longer available.

Mitchell said being city manager is work that he enjoys.

"I told my staff that I failed recess because when I start doing the work, I'm on the work," he said.

While being interviewed, he said one of the first things he would do if he was hired would be to have a retreat with the commissioners.

He said he's been working on getting to know each commissioner over the last six months.

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Whitmer: 'No more waiting'; state to borrow $3.5B for roads

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Wednesday that Michigan will borrow $3.5 billion to rebuild the state's deteriorating highways and bridges over five years, calling it a fiscally responsible move after the Republican-led Legislature rejected her proposed fuel tax hike.

The Democrat unveiled the bonding plan during her second annual State of the State speech to lawmakers. It will enable the state Department of Transportation to do about twice as much construction on I-, U.S.- and M-numbered routes as it can now, she said. The funds would not be used to repair local roads.

"I'm going to use the power of my office to do what I said I was going to do – because for me, for Michigan, impatience is a virtue. No more waiting around to fix our roads," Whitmer said during her address at the Capitol.

Reconstructing, rather than resurfacing, state roads in high-traffic areas with the greatest need and getting to the projects sooner will save about $365 million in the long term, Whitmer told The Associated Press ahead of the speech, because construction costs will be higher as time passes. Pavement will last 25 to 35 years instead of five to seven years, she said. She pointed to low interest rates and noted that state debt payments for old borrowing will drop significantly in coming years.

"Dollars that are bonded will be going toward rebuilding long-term assets. So it's not for short fixes. This is for reconstruction," Whitmer said in the interview.

The second-year governor, who campaigned on

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Bond denied for officer in handcuffed man's fatal shooting

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

Prince George's County Police Department via AP

Prince George's County Police Department Cpl. Michael Owen Jr. Owen, accused of shooting and killing a handcuffed man in the front seat of a police cruiser, will face a murder charge, the department announced on Tuesday.

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — A judge denied bond Wednesday for a Maryland police officer who has been charged with murder after being accused of fatally shooting a handcuffed man in his patrol car.

Judge Robert Heffron Jr. said he found convincing evidence that Prince George's County Police Cpl. Michael Owen Jr. posed a danger to the community. Owen's defense attorney had asked for him to be freed without bond.

Investigators didn't find any evidence of a fight between Owen and William Howard Green before Green was fatally shot Monday night in the front passenger seat of a patrol car, police said in a report on a murder charge against the officer.

That finding contradicted statements on the night of the shooting by a department spokeswoman, who told reporters that two "independent witnesses" said they saw or heard a struggle "of some sort" coming from the patrol car before they heard loud bangs.

Owen fired seven shots at Green and struck him multiple times, according to the police report released Wednesday.

A prosecutor, Renee Joy, said Green had complied with officers' commands when he was taken out of the car and handcuffed. She added that the man posed "absolutely no threat."

Owen is black. A police department spokeswoman wouldn't specify Green's race, citing department policy.

Supporters of Green clapped after the judge denied bail for Owen, whose next court date is set for Feb. 28.

"Thank you, Jesus," a woman who identified herself as Green's fiancee said outside the courtroom after the brief hearing. She referred questions to an attorney for the family. The attorney, William "Billy" Murphy, didn't immediately respond to an email and telephone message seeking comment Wednesday.

Owen had handcuffed Green, 43, of Washington, D.C., behind his back and placed him in the cruiser after responding to a traffic accident and finding him sleeping in his vehicle, apparently under the influence of an unknown substance, the report said.

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Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
04-07-17-29-43-44
Poker Lotto
JS-KS-3D-3S-6S
Midday Daily 3
4-2-3
Midday Daily 4
6-3-3-8
Daily 3
5-7-1
Daily 4
5-9-4-5
Fantasy 5
09-13-14-19-29
Keno
04-13-15-18-21-23-24-36-37-40-42-47-49-56-63-66-67-68-70-71-76-77
Mega Millions jackpot
$155 million
Powerball jackpot
$394 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
17-36-47-51-62, Mega Ball: 21, Megaplier: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
01-11-17-39-43
Cash4Life
04-09-18-20-56, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
01-02-11-14-18-20-21-30-34-38-43-44-46-51-53-55-57-65-71-79, BE: 53
Daily Three-Midday
0-0-1, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
3-8-3, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
9-9-7-0, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
6-4-9-4, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
06-10-12-18-23-28-29-30-31-32-33-36-39-49-54-59-62-63-69-77, BE: 30
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-29-32-36-41
Pick Three-Midday
0-8-7, Fireball: 6
Pick Three-Evening
2-8-4, Fireball: 5
Pick Four-Midday
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Trump celebrates major rewrite of North American trade rules

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed into law a major rewrite of the rules of trade with Canada and Mexico, celebrating the fulfillment of one of his top campaign promises while declining to share the moment with Democratic lawmakers whose support was essential to getting it over the finish line.

Trump said renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement was "probably the No. 1 reason that I decided to lead this crazy life that I'm leading right now."

"Today, we're finally ending the NAFTA nightmare," Trump said in a ceremony on the South Lawn. The event featured hundreds of business and farm leaders from around the country and scores of Republican officials. No Democratic members of Congress were on the White House guest list.

Trade experts say the impact of the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement will be modest. Canada and Mexico already represent the top two export markets for U.S. goods. The independent U.S. International Trade Commission last year calculated that the deal would add 0.35 percent, or $68 billion, to economic growth and generate 176,000 jobs over six years. That's not much of a change for a $22 trillion economy with 152 million nonfarm jobs.

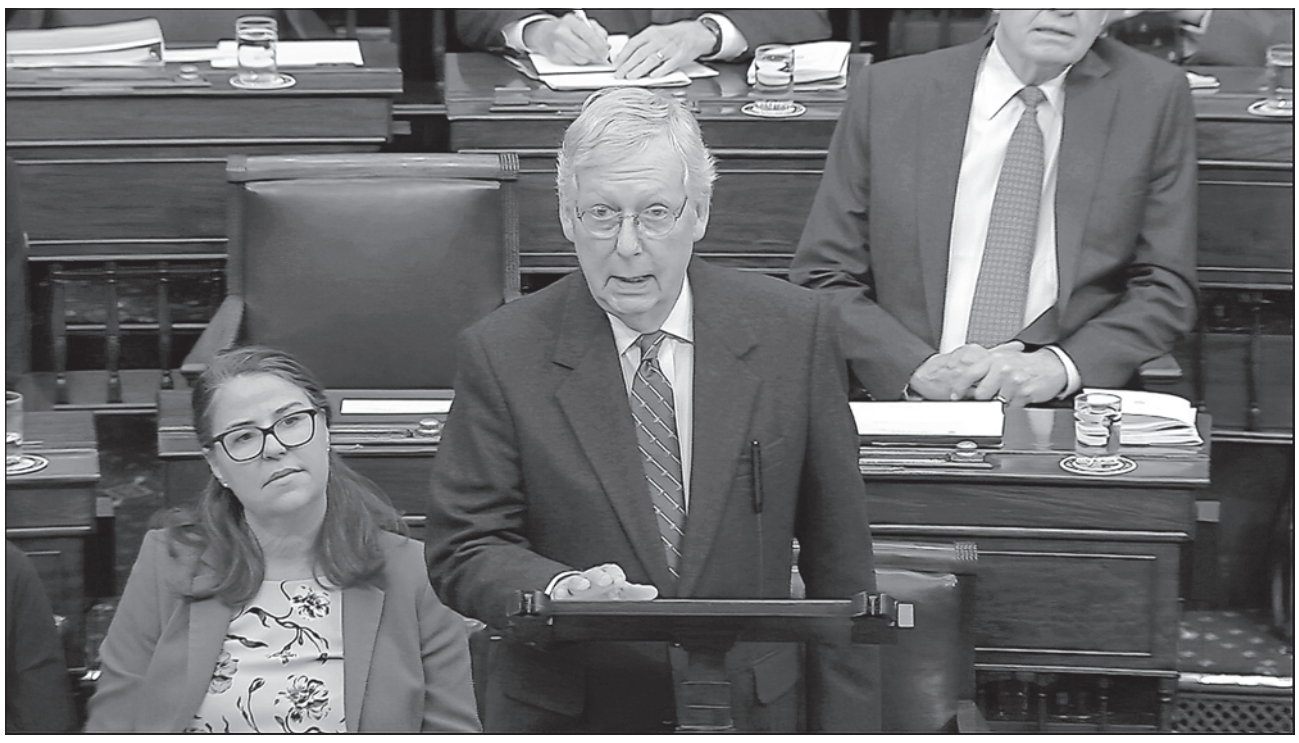
"It's a blip," said Syracuse University economist Mary Lovely, who studies trade. "The main thing is what it isn't: It isn't a continuation of uncertainty, and it isn't a major disruption" to business.

The new pact, along with the signing of a "phase one" agreement with China, dials down trade tensions that have contributed to slowing economic growth globally.

It also gave the president a chance to at least briefly shift the focus in Washington, where Trump's impeachment trial has occupied center stage for weeks.

"I keep my promises and I'm fighting for the American worker," Trump said.

Still, Trump couldn't resist making a few indirect references to impeachment in his remarks. He noted, for example, that Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, was headed back to the Capitol to ask questions at the trial.



Senate Television via AP

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks during the impeachment trial against President Donald Trump in the Senate at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Wednesday.

Trump defenders: Ukraine trade no grounds for impeachment

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a striking shift from President Donald Trump's claims of "perfect" dealings with Ukraine, his defenders asserted Wednesday at his Senate trial that a trade of U.S. military aid for political favors – even if proven – could not be grounds for his impeachment.

Trump's defense spotlighted retired professor Alan Dershowitz, a member of their team who said that every politician conflates his own interest with the public interest. Therefore, he declared, "it cannot be impeachable."

The Republicans are still hoping to wind up the impeachment trial with a rapid acquittal. Democrats are pressing hard for the Senate to call additional witnesses, especially Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton. Bolton's forthcoming book contends he personally heard Trump say he wanted military aid withheld from Ukraine until it agreed to investigate Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden – the abuse of power charge that is the first article of impeachment.

As Chief Justice John Roberts fielded queries in an unusual question-and-answer session, Texas Republican Ted Cruz asked, Does it matter if there was a quid pro quo?

Simply, no, declared Dershowitz, who said that many politicians equate their re-election with the public good.

"That's why it's so dangerous to try to psychoanalyze a president," he said.

Rep. Adam Schiff, the Democrat leading the House prosecutors, appeared stunned.

"All quid pro quos are not the same," he retorted. Some might be acceptable some not. "And you don't need to be a mind reader to figure out which is which. For one thing, you can ask John Bolton."

With voting on witnesses later this week, Democrats, amid the backdrop of protesters swarming the Capitol, are making a last-ditch push to sway Republicans to call Bolton and other witnesses to appear for testimony and ensure a "fair trial."

Trump faces charges from the House that he abused his power like no other president, jeopardizing Ukraine and U.S.-Ukraine relations by using the military aid as leverage while the vulnerable ally battled Russia. The second article of impeachment says Trump then obstructed the House probe in a way that threatened the nation's three-branch system of checks and balances.

The two days set aside for questions, Wednesday and Thursday,are are allowing each side to grill the House Democrats prosecuting the case and the Republican president's defense team.

Dozens of questions were asked and answered in rapid-fire fashion on Wednesday, with senators under orders to sit silently without comment, submitting their questions in writing.

Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer asked whether the Senate could really render a fair verdict without hearing from Bolton or acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, both potential eye witnesses to Trump's actions.

"Don't wait for the book. Don't wait 'til March 17, when it is in black and white to find out the answer to your question," Schiff told the Senate.

That publication date is now in doubt. The White House on Wednesday released a letter to Bolton's attorney objecting to "significant amounts of classified information" in the manuscript, including at the top secret level. Bolton and his attorney have insisted that the book does not contain any classified information.

The White House action could delay the book's publication if Bolton, who resigned last September – Trump says he was fired – is forced to revise his draft.

GOP senators have been sternly warned by party leaders that calling Bolton as a witness could entangle the trial in lengthy legal battles and delay Trump's expected acquittal.

White House attorney Pat Philibin made exactly that case in his response to the Democrats' first question: "This institution will effectively be paralyzed for months on end," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell huddled privately with senators for a third consecutive day, acknowledging he didn't yet have the votes to brush back Democratic demands for witnesses now that revelations from Bolton have roiled the trial.

Republican ideas for dealing with Bolton and his book were fizzling almost as soon as they arose – among them, a witness "swap" with Democrats or issuing a subpoena for Bolton's manuscript.

Bolton writes in a forthcoming book that Trump told him he wanted to withhold military aid from Ukraine until it helped with investigations into Democratic rival Joe Biden. That assertion, if true, would undercut a key defense argument and go to the heart of one of the two articles of impeachment against the president.

"I think Bolton probably has something to offer us," said Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska. She met privately Wednesday with McConnell.

Trump disagreed in a tweet Wednesday in which he complained that Bolton, after he left the White House, "goes out and IMMEDIATELY writes a nasty & untrue book. All Classified National Security."

The uncertainty about witnesses arises days before crucial votes on the issue. In a Senate split 53-47 in favor of Republicans, at least four GOP senators must join all Democrats to reach the 51 votes required to call witnesses, decide whom to call or do nearly anything else in the trial.

Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Main tried to give fresh momentum to a one-for-one witness deal saying it's "very important that there be fairness, that each side be able to select a witness or two." But Democrats dismissed those offers, especially as Republicans want to draw Joe Biden's son, Hunter, deeper into the proceedings.

"It's irrelevant. It's a distraction," said Schumer.

Collins, Murkowski and Utah Sen. Mitt Romney signaled an interest in calling Bolton or other witnesses and questions and answers at times appeared directed directly at them.

Schiff's response to Dershowitz focused on one particular senator: He asked his audience to imagine what would have happened if then-President Barack Obama asked the Russians to dig up dirt on then-candidate Romney, the GOP's 2012 presidential nominee?

He warned them to consider the fallout – any president "can ask for an investigation of you."

Far from voiding the last election, Schiff said, impeachment is protecting the next one, in 2020, from any future Trump efforts to ask foreign governments to intervene.

One person watching from the sidelines Wednesday was Lev Parnas, the indicted associate of Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, who arrived at the Capitol saying, "I want to testify." Parnas, who has turned over evidence for the proceedings, cannot enter the Senate with his court-ordered electronic-tracking device.

Most Republican senators don't want to call Bolton and most Democrats would rather avoid dragging the Bidens further into the impeachment proceedings. The Bidens were a focus of defense arguments though no evidence of wrongdoing has emerged.

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Ethics panel warns House members not to share fake images

By DAVID KLEPPER
Associated Press

The House Ethics Committee is warning lawmakers not to share doctored images or videos that could "erode public trust, effect public discourse, or sway an election," guidance that comes during a proliferation of online misinformation in the run-up to the 2020 elections.

In a memo sent to House members Tuesday, the committee said lawmakers or staffers could be found in violation of House ethics rules and subject to disciplinary proceedings for posting content intended to mislead the public.

"Members have a duty, and a First Amendment right, to contribute to the public discourse," the authors of the memo wrote. "However, manipulation of images and videos that are intended to mislead the public can harm that discourse and reflect discreditably on the House."

It's the first time the committee has admonished members of Congress on the use of fake images and audio on social media, though the new guidelines may be difficult to enforce because of a loophole allowing fake images when used for satire or parody.

The warning comes three weeks after Rep. Paul Gosar tweeted a doctored photo of President Barack Obama shaking hands with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. In a caption, he wrote that "The world is a better place without these guys in power."

The original, unaltered photo featured Obama and now-former Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2011. In the doctored image tweeted by the Arizona Republican, Singh is replaced by Rouhani, who remains in power. Obama and Rouhani never met in person.

It wasn't the first time a member of Congress had shared a misleading image, or even the first time that particular fake photo had circulated. A political action committee used the same picture in a 2015 television ad supporting Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis.

Gosar's tweet of the doctored image was retweeted more than 6,000 times and liked more than 22,000 times. Gosar later said he never intended the tweet to be taken seriously and ridiculed the journalists who wrote about it as "dim witted."

"No one said this wasn't photoshopped," he wrote in a subsequent tweet, which was retweeted far less – 420 times. "No one said the president of Iran was dead. No one said Obama met with Rouhani in person."

A spokesman for the House Ethics Committee declined to discuss the memo, or say whether it was prompted by a specific incident.

The guidelines are a good step and an indication that Congress is taking the spread of misinformation seriously, according to David Schultz, a political scientist at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. But he said lawmakers who post a fake video could always claim they didn't realize it was fake, or that they intended it as a parody.

Technology and the internet have made it easier than ever to spread manipulated video, photography and audio. Disinformation experts are increasingly concerned about the emergence of "deepfakes," fake videos created using artificial intelligence and machine learning to make it appear something happened that didn't.

Health experts: Human-to-human spread of new virus worrying

By KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

Ahn Young-joon / AP

People leave after buying face masks at a pharmacy in Seoul, South Korea on Wednesday. Countries began evacuating their citizens Wednesday from the Chinese city hardest-hit by an outbreak of a new virus that has killed 132 people and infected more than 6,000 on the mainland and abroad.

BEIJING — World health officials expressed "great concern" Wednesday that a dangerous new virus is starting to spread between people outside of China, a troubling development as China and the world frantically work to contain the outbreak. For a second day, the number of infections grew dramatically.

The new virus has now infected more people in China than were sickened there during the 2002-2003 SARS outbreak. On Wednesday, the number of cases jumped to 5,974, surpassing the 5,327 people diagnosed with SARS.

The death toll, which stood at 132 Wednesday, is still less than half the number who died in China from SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome. Scientists say there are many questions to be answered about the new virus, including just how easily it spreads and how severe it is.

In a report published Wednesday, Chinese researchers suggested that person-to-person spread among close contacts occurred as early as mid-December. Based on the first 425 confirmed cases, the researchers estimate that each infection led to 2.2 others on average. That's a bit more than ordinary flu but far less than some other respiratory diseases such as whooping cough and tuberculosis. The rate for SARS, a cousin to this new virus, was estimated to be 3.

"Considerable efforts" will be needed to control the spread if this ratio holds up elsewhere, researchers wrote in the report, published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

More than half of the cases in which symptoms began before Jan. 1 were tied to a seafood market, but only 8 percent of cases after that have been, researchers found. They reported the average incubation period was five days.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization's emergencies chief said the few cases of human-to-human spread of the virus outside China – in Japan, Germany, Canada and Vietnam – were of "great concern" and were part of the reason the U.N. health agency's director-general was reconvening a committee of experts on Thursday to assess whether the outbreak should be declared a global emergency.

Dr. Michael Ryan spoke at a news conference in Geneva after returning from a trip to Beijing to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other senior government leaders. He said China was taking "extraordinary measures in the face of an extraordinary challenge" posed by the outbreak.

To date, about 99 percent of the nearly 6,000 cases are in China. Ryan estimated the death rate of the new virus at 2 percent, but said the figure was very preliminary. With fluctuating numbers of cases and deaths, scientists are only able to produce a rough estimate of the fatality rate and it's likely many milder cases of the virus are being missed.

In comparison, the SARS virus killed about 10 percent of people who caught it. The new virus is from the coronavirus family, which includes those that can cause the common cold as well as more serious illnesses such as SARS and MERS.

Ryan noted there were several aspects of the new virus outbreak that are extremely worrying, citing the recent rapid spike in cases in China. He said that while scientists believe the outbreak was sparked by an animal virus, it's unclear if there are other factors driving the epidemic.

"Without understanding that, it's very hard to put into context the current transmission dynamics," he said.

Meanwhile, countries began evacuating their citizens from the Chinese city hardest-hit by the virus. Chartered planes carrying about 200 evacuees each arrived in Japan and the United States as other countries planned similar evacuations from the city of Wuhan, which authorities have shut down to try to contain the virus.

The U.S. plane arrived in California after a refueling stop in Alaska. All 201 passengers, who included diplomats from the U.S. Consulate in Wuhan, passed health screenings in China and Anchorage, and were to undergo three days of monitoring at a Southern California military base to ensure they show no signs of the illness.

Parent resistance thwarts local school desegregation efforts

By REGINA GARCIA CANO and SARAH RANKIN
Associated Press

Steve Helber / AP Photo

Attendees hold signs during the Richmond School Board's last public hearing on redistricting at Ginter Park Elementary School in Richmond, Va. on Dec. 16. From New York City to Richmond, sweeping proposals to ease inequities have been scaled back or canceled after encountering a backlash. In Virginia's capital city, the school board approved a plan that reassigned some students but rejected more sweeping proposals that would have diversified Richmond's whitest elementary schools.

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. — As they try to address stubborn school segregation, many of the nation's school districts confront a familiar obstacle: resistance from affluent, well-organized and mostly white parents to changes affecting their children's classrooms.

From New York City to Richmond, Virginia, sweeping proposals to ease inequities have been scaled back or canceled after encountering a backlash. The debates have been charged with emotion and racist rhetoric reminiscent of the aftermath of Brown vs. Board of Education, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that threw out state laws establishing segregated schools.

While the federal government has largely stepped back from the aggressive role it played decades ago in school desegregation, some local districts have acted in recognition of increasingly apparent racial divides and the long-established educational benefits of integration.

In Howard County, Maryland, a suburban community between Washington and Baltimore, one parent who supports reforms lamented the presence of "concentrated poverty in certain schools and concentrated wealth in other schools."

"When we have concentrated poverty, those students are not getting that same quality of education," said Dawn Popp, a white mother of two students in local schools.

The Supreme Court has ruled that race cannot be used as the driving factor in assigning students to public schools. But more than 100 school districts have implemented voluntary desegregation plans that work around that ruling by mixing students from families with different incomes or educational levels, factors often associated with race, according to Richard Kahlenberg, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation in Washington.

The success of such efforts can depend on the size of the coalition seeking change and how well the goals are communicated. The most important task for school officials is "to explain to the public why integrated schools are good for everyone," Kahlenberg said.

Race and class divisions were on display for months last year after the Howard County school board directed the superintendent to start a comprehensive redistricting process. The Howard County Council in August requested that the blueprint address socioeconomic and racial segregation across the school system, which serves about 59,000 children, the majority of whom are minorities. Most low-income students are black and Hispanic.

The superintendent originally proposed moving some 7,400 students to different schools. The overwhelming opposition was led by white and Asian families, who protested near an area mall and flooded public meetings.

They carried signs that read "Kids before politics," "Swapping kids creates new inequities" and "No forced busing." Speakers at public meetings said the changes would cause stress and anxiety for their children. One suggested the transfers could lead students to consider suicide.

Opponents insisted the issue was not about race and sought to distance themselves from racist feedback submitted in writing.

George Henry, a retiree living in Ellicott City, wrote in a newspaper op-ed that his children, now in their 30s, received good educations in the local schools, with highly diverse classmates. He said the "artificial and forced mixing" is unnecessary. He told The Associated Press the "fundamental factor" to closing the achievement gap is the support students have at home, which is not up to the county.

In November, the Howard County Board of Education approved reassigning some 5,400 students, not including two particular high schools – River Hill High and Wilde Lake High, where less than 5 percent and more than 45 percent of students, respectively, are from low-income families. Parents of students at River Hill High had been among the most outspoken protesters.

Some parents are now challenging the plan in court. Others would have preferred to see more ambitious changes.

Popp said the scaled-back redistricting sends a message that "people who can afford the matching T-shirts and the fancy signs" and have time to organize can get their way.

Cynthia Fikes, whose son attends Wilde Lake High, said the redistricting debate revealed the "level of fear and disdain" that much of the community had for people unlike themselves. She said racist and classist statements were "allowed to pass as conversations" at meetings and on social media.

"When you look at what was said, it's so hurtful," said Fikes, who is black.

In Virginia's capital city, the school board approved a plan that reassigned some students but rejected more sweeping proposals that would have diversified Richmond's whitest elementary schools.

The former capital of the Confederacy is about 47 percent white, but only about 14 percent of its public school students are. And of those white students, many are concentrated in just a handful of schools.

The push to integrate some of those most segregated schools was included in last year's rezoning process, which also aimed to ease overcrowding and fill new school buildings. The most controversial proposals involved pairing, a process in which students from the whitest elementary schools would have been pooled together with students from majority-black schools and then split up by grade level.

In an emotional public debate that stretched for months, supporters called pairing a bold way to help disadvantaged students and create more unified and diverse communities.

But those supporters were often outnumbered by opponents, with parents and property owners raising concerns about home values. Some said it would strain families with children split between multiple schools, limiting what time parents could spend volunteering with a PTA or complicating pickups and drop-offs. Others threatened that it would trigger another exodus to the suburbs or to private schools.

At one forum, Taikein Cooper said the coded racist language was "so loud I had to pinch myself."

"We can all agree that the schools are not equal right now," said Cooper, the executive director of an education advocacy organization. "They're not the same. That's why some people behind me are fighting so adamantly to protect their own privilege."

Superintendent Jason Kamras, who was hired in 2017 and pledged to reform the district with the state's lowest graduation rate, supported pairing. In a tweet, he likened the criticism of one option to "Massive Resistance 2.0," a reference to the anti-segregation movement that followed the Supreme Court's landmark Brown decision.

"I heard a lot of things said during these meetings which sounded almost verbatim like the things that were said in the '50s and '60s and '70s to prevent the integration of schools in Richmond and around the country," he said in an interview.

But pairing was also unpopular among many black families. School board member Kenya Gibson addressed the crowd at a community forum where a diverse group of parents overwhelmingly opposed the plan, saying she recognized that "many of the people of color in this room have a lot of the same unease as the white people have in this room."

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Discrediting Bolton won't be easy

'I'm with the Bush-Cheney team, and I'm here to stop the count."

Those words were bellowed by John Bolton in a Tallahassee, Fla., library in December 2000, when he was part of a team of Republican lawyers trying to stop the Florida recount of votes cast in the presidential race between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Until now, it was the most famous utterance President Trump's former national security adviser had ever made. That's about to change with the looming publication of his book, due out in March, about serving in the Trump administration. It's even vaguely possible Bolton could make an appearance in Trump's impeachment trial this week.

Jonah Goldberg

Still, it's worth considering the irony of Bolton's earlier words. The Bush-Gore Florida recount wasn't the beginning of our divided times, but it was a major inflection point. It pushed the internal combustion engine of partisanship into a higher gear, and we've never really revved back down. Now, Bolton is in the strange position of not fitting comfortably on either side of the partisan divide.

The gist of Bolton's story is that the president's story is not true. According to an account of the book's contents reported in the New York Times, Bolton heard Trump say he was withholding aid to the Ukrainians pending an investigation into Biden and other Democrats. (One wonders who these other Democrats were.)

The Times story says the book also contradicts statements about who knew what and when inside the administration, no doubt causing heartburn for acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, Attorney General William Barr, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, off-book fixer Rudy Giuliani and, of course, all of the GOP senators determined to avoid hearing from witnesses in the impeachment trial.

The response from Trump World is predictable. Bolton is a disgruntled liar, bitter over being fired and desperate to sell books. I have no doubt Bolton, a former colleague of mine at the American Enterprise Institute, is disgruntled. I'm also sure he very much wants to sell books. But I don't buy the lying part.

Bolton may be many of the things his detractors claim, but he's also an incredibly adept lawyer and bureaucratic infighter. On different occasions when National Security Council staffers Fiona Hill and Tim Morrison were dismayed by what the president was up to with Ukraine, Bolton's advice was to "tell the lawyers" (in Morrison's words). When Hill told Bolton that she'd heard Gordon Sondland – Trump's EU ambassador and administration point person on the Ukrainian scheme – tell the Ukrainians that he and Mulvaney would arrange a White House meeting in exchange for an investigation of Biden, Bolton replied, "You go and tell (NSC counsel John Eisenberg) that I am not part of whatever drug deal Sondland and Mulvaney are cooking up on this, and you go and tell him what you've heard and what I've said."

The notion that Bolton, a legendary note-taker, would volunteer to testify (if subpoenaed) only to perjure himself is absurd. That he would make false allegations in a book without contemporaneous corroboration seems far-fetched as well. There's only one way to know, though: Have Bolton tell his version under oath.

As of this writing, the ink on the official "Destroy Bolton" narrative hasn't dried yet, but an early contender is the charge that this is all just a replay of the tactics Democrats used to try to derail Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination. Promoting his new podcast, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas tweeted, "Last week we had Lev Parnas on Maddow & 'secret tapes'; this week, the 'Bolton revelations.' It's the same approach Dems & media followed during the Kavanaugh hearing."

Except it's not at all. The only thing similar about the two controversies is that new allegations kept inconveniencing politicians who wanted to move on. By that standard, nearly every unfolding Washington scandal is like the Kavanaugh hearings.

Putting aside the hilarity of John "Stop the Count" Bolton being a willing pawn of the Democrats, there were no recorded telephone calls confirming elements of the allegations against Kavanaugh. None of the Kavanaugh accusations had the sort of corroboration and material evidence already in the public record in the impeachment case. And Trump's former national security adviser isn't relying on a decades-old unverifiable recollection, but on his memory of events from a few months ago.

The biggest difference between how the Senate handled the Kavanaugh smear campaign and how it's handling the impeachment case is this: With Kavanaugh, Senate Republicans bent over backward to hear from witnesses; with Trump, they've gone into a defensive crouch to avoid it. And that may not be enough any longer.

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When 'never again' means nothing

This week, the world marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz by Allied forces during World War II. Politicians of all stripes dutifully tweeted, "#NeverAgain." Meanwhile, many of those same politicians continued to forward the worst sort of anti-Semitism, blithely ignoring the fact that anti-Semitism isn't a relic of the past but a thriving part of the present.

Ben Shapiro

Take, for example, Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn. Omar has, in the past two years alone, sponsored an anti-Semitic resolution that likened boycotts of Israel to boycotts of Nazi Germany; rejected a Democratic-sponsored resolution backing a two-state solution in order to chide the Trump administration and Israel, because the solution wasn't radical enough; and repeatedly suggested that Jewish money manipulates American foreign policy on Israel. Her anti-Semitism was so palpable that the Democrats were forced to debate and then water down a resolution condemning anti-Semitism. Still, Omar tweeted, "Today and every day, we must redouble our efforts to confront anti-Semitism and all forms of religious discrimination and say #NeverAgain."

Or how about Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich.? She tweeted a story about a Holocaust survivor visiting Auschwitz and added, "May we honor them by sharing stories like these, #NeverAgain allowing hate to flourish, and committing to speaking out against anti-Semitism and all other forms of hate." Just two days before that tweet, Tlaib put out a now-deleted retweet of anti-Semitic blood libel that accused "a Herd of violent #Israeli settlers" of kidnapping a 7-year-old boy and drowning him in a well. In reality, the boy was 8 years old and apparently had drowned after slipping into a pool of rainwater in the Beit Hanina neighborhood. Tlaib, of course, is no stranger to Jew hatred: In the past two years, she has accused congressional lawmakers opposed to the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement of dual loyalty and hobnobbed with open terror supporters, and she is the bedrock congressional supporter of BDS itself. Both Tlaib and Omar have provided moral support for Hamas, the terror group in charge of the Gaza Strip.

Then there's Jeremy Corbyn, the British Labour Party leader who so disgraced his own party with his coddling of anti-Semites that he was rejected by many members of his upper echelon. Corbyn glibly tweeted, "This is a time for us all to reflect on the horrors of the past, the evils of Nazism, genocide and antisemitism, and indeed all forms of racism, which we must always be determined to root out, wherever they appear."

The truth is that #NeverAgain has become a virtue signal for many on the modern left, who are more than willing to greenlight the genocidal anti-Semitism of Hamas, Hezbollah, the Palestinian Authority and the Iranian regime, among others. Islamic anti-Semitism, in their view, is not true anti-Semitism; it's just religious conflict, or territorial disagreement, or anti-Zionism. When such ideological disagreements result in open calls for the murder of Jews ... well, that's going a bit too far, but it's understandable. After all, modern Jews – particularly Zionists, who insist on a Jewish state to ensure the survival of their people – are rather bothersome in real life, unlike those dead Jews from World War II, who aren't any more real than their old black-and-white photos, and whose survival is no longer at issue.

It's easy for radical leftists and their Islamic allies to spout #NeverAgain while proclaiming that today's Jews aren't like yesterday's Jews. All of which is why Israel's continued existence provides both a thorn in the side of modern anti-Semites and why Israel's continued existence is so necessary. Vague expressions of upset over an event that took place 75 years ago are no substitute for the hard-nosed defense of Jewish survival that Israel represents. And Jews should remember that when they decide to blind themselves to the real and present anti-Semitism of the Omars, Tlaibs and Corbyns.

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LETTERS

Pete Buttigieg is best candidate for SW Michigan, nation

Editor,

As most of us receive the South Bend news stations and find ourselves labeled as a part of "Michiana," it would be no surprise to know of Pete Buttigieg prior to his candidacy. The former South Bend mayor has played a vital role in setting South Bend on a strong path to recovery. The city is transforming into a burgeoning tech hub, thousands of abandoned buildings were razed by the Buttigieg administration, and Notre Dame finally involves itself in the city's improvement. For a Rust Belt town on the verge of collapse, only success appears imminent.

When you consider Buttigieg's efforts in South Bend, that and his proposed policies create great room for excitement in terms of rural America. The candidate proposed investment plans for roads, train networks and even lakeside erosion prevention. His plan to invest in sustainable agriculture and create regional innovation clusters would be a drastic boon to regional centers, like St. Joe and Benton Harbor. Revitalizing rural hubs could greatly reduce brain drain to larger cities and improve local quality of life. Pete offers a vastly expanded apprenticeship network and free college to the low and middle class, which will only bolster the youth of Southwest Michigan.

And, of course, we should restore normalcy and composure to our nation's top office. Pete Buttigieg is intelligent, youthful and incredibly calm. He represents our nation and our values through respect and a rationale, which doesn't appear all too common in politics today. Besides, isn't it time that someone from this part of America, from a city near ours and similar to ours, represents us as a nation?

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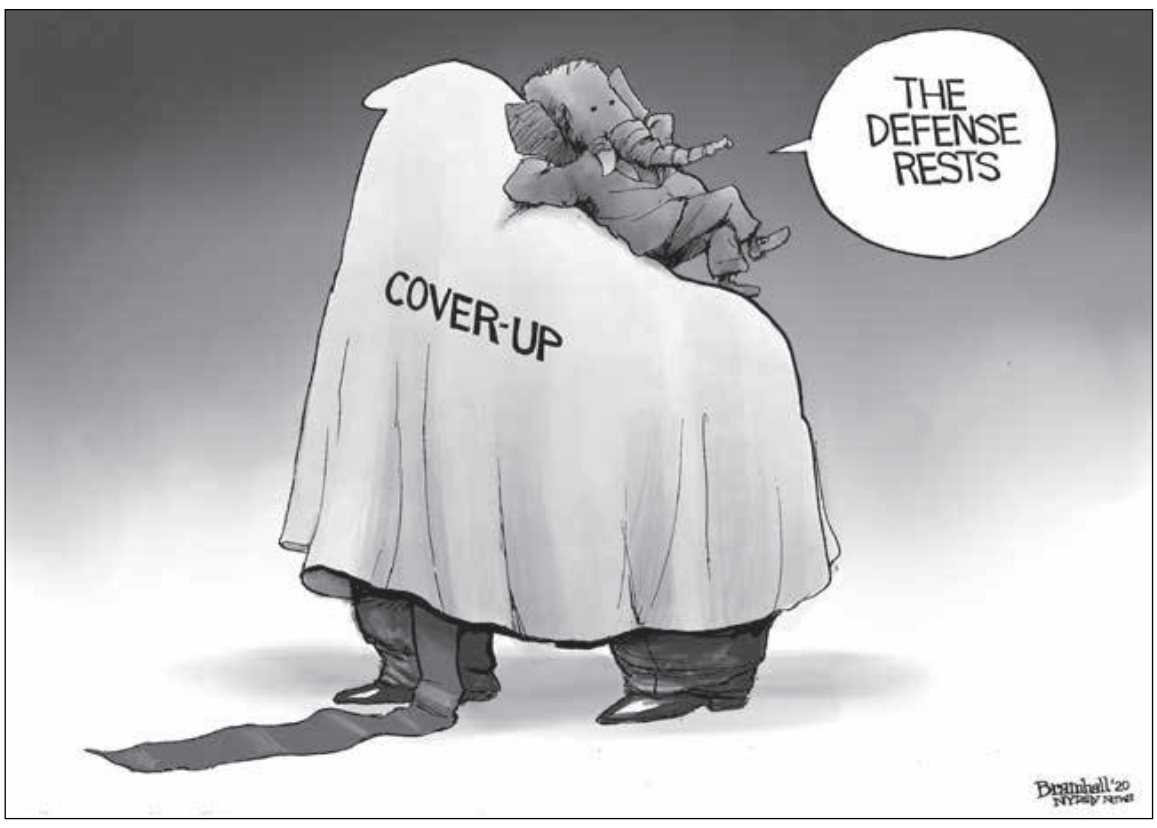

A helping hand for ex-offenders is holding them back

The United States leads the world in many categories that evoke pride and one that should not: We lock people up at a higher rate than any other country. We also have a lot of ex-offenders who have a hard time finding legitimate work. And an ex-offender with no job and no money is a crime waiting to happen.

Steve Chapman

But a few years back, we came up with a remedy for that problem: forbidding employers from asking applicants about their criminal records at the start of the hiring process. Only after candidates have been found qualified and offered interviews may the employer request this information.

Illinois and dozens of other states have enacted "ban the box" laws to improve the job prospects of correctional alumni. (The term refers to the square you check if you have a criminal record.) In December, President Donald Trump signed a measure imposing a similar rule on federal agencies and contractors. These laws are particularly relevant to black men, who have far higher rates of imprisonment than other men – and higher unemployment rates.

Even in today's hot job market, African American men from age 20 to 34 are twice as likely to be out of work as their white peers. Ex-offenders are typically five times likelier to be unemployed than other people. Their neighbors would be safer if those ex-offenders could find steady jobs that would divert them from felonious activity.

Banning the box was a plausible reform. "This law will help ensure that people across Illinois get a fair shot to reach their full potential through their skills and qualifications, rather than past history," said Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn when he signed the bill in 2014. The assumption was that if ex-offenders could clear the initial screen, employers would be more likely to excuse their past transgressions.

But all these changes in state laws didn't account for a powerful and immutable law: the law of unintended consequences. The evidence about banning the box is piling up, and it's not pretty. Instead of helping ex-offenders and black men, they have backfired on both.

Last year, Jennifer Doleac, an economics professor at Texas A&M who is affiliated with the University of Chicago Crime Lab, gave written testimony to a U.S. House committee on these laws. Her conclusions were sobering.

"Current evidence suggests that Ban the Box may not increase employment for people with criminal records, and might even reduce it," she said. "Delaying information about job applicants' criminal histories leads employers to statistically discriminate against groups that are more likely to have a recent conviction." In a triumph of perversity, the people who were supposed to gain ended up worse off.

The latest evidence, assembled by University of California, Santa Barbara, economist Ryan Sherrard, confirms the detrimental consequences. After such a law is passed, his study found, African American men get *fewer* job callbacks – and white applicants get more. In places that "ban the box," black ex-offenders are likelier to end up back in jail than before.

The reasons for these unwanted results are not hard to guess. When employers can't find out whether applicants have criminal histories, they don't assume the best about black men; they assume the worst.

An employer who would hire an unskilled young African American man who has never been in trouble, but not one with a rap sheet, can no longer tell one from the other until late in the process. The applicant with a spotless record has no way to distinguish himself from the onetime Gangster Disciple.

So hiring managers may decide to avoid the hassle by not considering many, or any, young black men. Under "ban the box" laws, employers seem to develop a greater preference for white candidates.

This effect works to the disadvantage of African Americans who haven't been in trouble with the cops. It's also no favor to those who have. Sherrard thinks the increase in recidivism may stem from the discouragement that arises when an ex-offender gets a callback and an interview, only to then be rejected because of his past. Raising false hopes is corrosive.

Doleac offers a few alternatives to make it easier for former inmates to get jobs, including education and training to improve their skills, authorizing judges to issue them certificates of work readiness and giving employers legal protection if such employees commit crimes on the job.

But the priority should be to repeal these laws, which have hindered the people they were meant to help. Sometimes the best way to do good is to stop doing harm.

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OBITUARIES

Forrest W. Wenman

Sept. 19, 1926 – Jan. 24, 2020

Forrest William Wenman passed away on Jan. 24, 2020, at the age of 93, from complications of a stroke. He was surrounded by family at the home of his daughter, Susan Ivy.

Forrest (aka "Sonny" and "Frosty") was born on Sept. 19, 1926, to John H. and Esther O. (Click) Wenman in Mishawaka, Ind. He attended Beiger School, Battell Elementary School and Mishawaka High School. During his school years he enjoyed playing sports, building and working on mechanical things. He played football and managed the football team for Mishawaka High School. He graduated from high school in 1945.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944 and entered into active service in March of 1945. He trained as an airplane tech in Amarillo, Texas. He served in the Marshall Islands during the atomic bomb tests, in the Bikini Atoll, at Eniwetok. After receiving an honorable discharge in March of 1946, he returned home to work as a security guard at Studebaker Aviation. In 1947, he began his career with I & M Electric (AEP) at the Twin Branch Plant in Mishawaka.

In 1950, he met and married the love of his life, his beautiful bride, Maxine. In the 1950s, they were very involved with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and other social organizations in the community. He was a Democratic Precinct Committeeman in Mishawaka. He was an avid fan of Notre Dame football and had the privilege of ushering at some of their games.

In 1959, he took an opportunity to be a supervisor at the Breed Plant in Fairbanks, Ind., and moved from Mishawaka to Farmersburg, Ind. He distinguished himself as a capable, hard-working individual, always looking for the best way to accomplish a task. He was recognized for his innovations and got another opportunity in 1970 to become a supervisor at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman. In 1971, he and his family moved to Baroda. After 40 years of service, he retired from AEP in 1987.

During retirement, he and Maxine transported vehicles for Weller Chevrolet in Bridgman. They also enjoyed trips to Las Vegas and various conventions with the Fraternal Order of Eagles ("F.O.E."). They were very involved with the F.O.E. 2083, of which he was a member for over 70 years. He enjoyed reading, home projects, woodworking, building and repairing things. He was also a member of the American Legion and V.F.W. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, particularly at the class reunions, Cook Plant parties, holidays, family reunions and the day before Labor Day parties.

He proudly participated in a 2016 Honor Flight. Forrest was always known for his good humor, knowledge of how things worked and ability to fix things. He was a good provider and excellent role model for his family. He was always there when you needed him. Of all his accomplishments, his family and friends were most important to him. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Forrest was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Hazel Jean (Frank) Lorence; and beloved wife, Maxine in 2009.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan (Lynn) Ivy; son, Forrest (Ingrid) Wenman Jr.; grandchildren: Sherilynn (Dan) Mahan, Carlton (Sheryl) Pinkston, Daniel (Cathe) Pinkston, Sarah (James) Forbes, Cassandra (Chad) Sultz and Jakob Wenman; numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; neighbors and dear friends; and best friend, the "brother he never had," Tom (Jeannie) Hayes. A special thanks to Ken and Judy Ward for all their help and care.

Visitation will be conducted at Bubb Funeral Chapel, 3910 N. Main St., Mishawaka, from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, with a service at 11 a.m. He will be laid to rest in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, 10776 Mckinley Hwy., Osceola, Ind., immediately following the service, with military honors provided by the VFW 360/American Legion 161 Burial Team. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Stephen Lin Klein

March 26, 1956 – Jan. 23, 2020

Stephen Lin Klein, 63, of Pullman, Mich., died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020.

He was born March 26, 1956, to Alvin and Barbara Klein of Hamilton, Mich. Stephen graduated from Hamilton High School. Steve got certified for the C&O Railroad and worked from May 1975-1985. He drove semi-truck over the road from 1985-2006. He also spent many years working and spending time at the South Haven Airport with Robertson Crop Dusting. He enjoyed his trains, planes, race cars, fishing, camping, hunting and loved sharing his passion for it with his family.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Klein.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle Klein of Pullman; his son, Erick Klein; his daughters, Rachel Tovar and Stephanie Soto; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, at Zion Lutheran Church in Holland, Mich., with a pre-service fellowship at 10:30 a.m., and a Memorial Service at noon. A lunch memorial will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 248 Mason St., Saugatuck, Mich. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Zion Lutheran Church of Holland.

Death notices

Cola W. Arnold, 85, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 28, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Ronnie A. Banks Sr., 67, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., formerly of Benton Harbor died Jan. 26, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Duane L. Jones, 63, of Covert, formerly of Benton Harbor died Jan. 26, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Ronell Ostrowski, 70, of Niles died Jan. 28, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Darlene R. Schinske, 86, of Eau Claire died Jan. 28, 2020, at Caretel Inns, St. Joseph. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, 461-4241.

Merry Elvina Roselita Sihombing, 66, of Pematang Siantar, Indonesia, died Jan. 27, 2020, at home in Watervliet. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Forrest W. Wenman, 93, of Baroda died Jan. 24, 2020. Bubb Funeral Chapel, Mishawaka, Ind., (574) 255-3126.

Delores Worvey, 77, of Niles died Jan. 29, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Darlene R. Schinske

Oct. 3, 1933 – Jan. 28, 2020

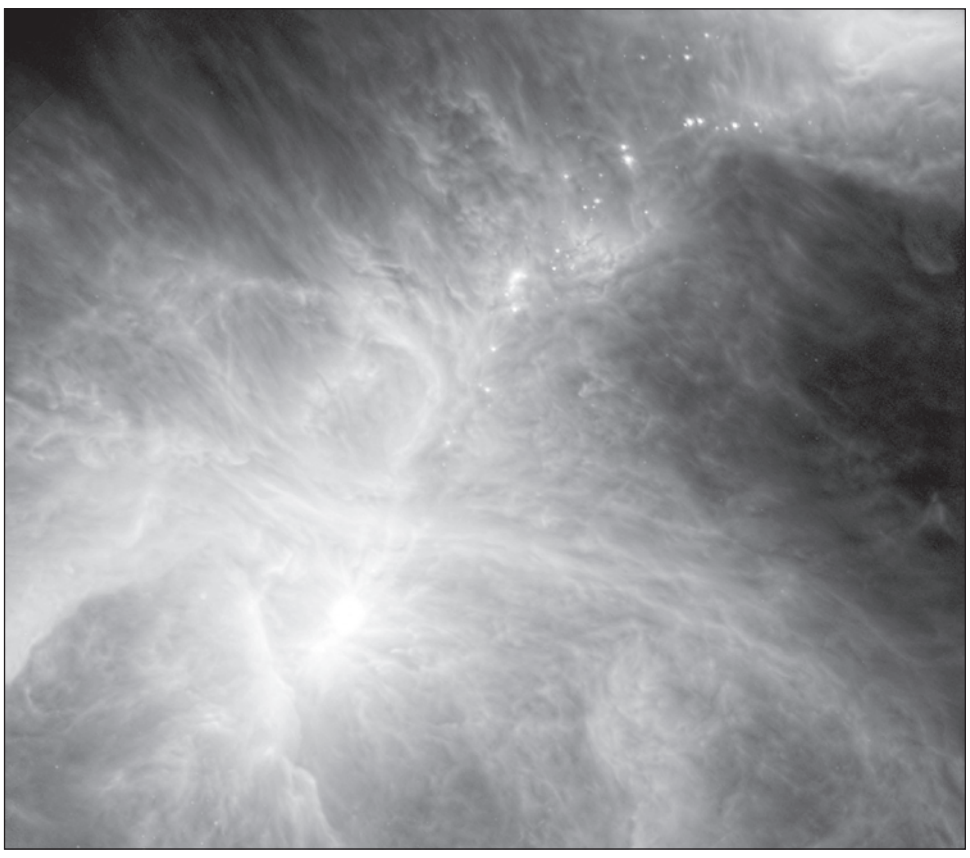
Darlene R. Schinske, 86, of Eau Claire passed away surrounded by her family on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at Caretel Inns in St. Joseph.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, with the Rev. James Bartz officiating. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Shanghai Cemetery, Eau Claire. Online memories may be shared at www.bowermanfuneral.com. Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church or Michigan Lutheran High School.

Darlene was born Oct. 3, 1933, in Berrien Springs, to Henry and Amanda (Gaul) Zech. After high school, she worked at VM; she retired from Berrien RESA as a bus attendant. She enjoyed her grandkids, sporting events, canning, the Berrien County Youth Fair and going out to eat. Darlene was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.

She is survived by her daughters: Diane (Reid) Fuller, Karen (Dan) Hong, Linda (Freddy) Krieger, Cheryl Schinske (Don Yochim), Kathy (Tim) Eising and Heidi (Shane) Brewer; her brother, Larry Zech; and 12 grandchildren: Hans, Liesel, Greta, Hunter, Matthew, Kjersten, Kristin, Livi, Garrett, Brody, Timmy and Ben.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings.



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Fledgling stars hidden in the gas and clouds of the Orion nebula are captured by infrared observations from the Spitzer Space Telescope and the European Space Agency's Herschel mission. In several hundred thousand years, some of the forming stars will accrete enough material to trigger nuclear fusion at their cores.

NASA shutting down space telescope, infrared eyes to cosmos

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA is pulling the plug on one of its great observatories – the Spitzer Space Telescope – after 16 years of scanning the universe with infrared eyes.

The end comes Thursday when ground controllers put the aging spacecraft into permanent hibernation.

For years, Spitzer peered through dusty clouds at untold stars and galaxies, uncovered a huge, nearly invisible ring around Saturn, and helped discover seven Earth-size planets around a nearby star.

Spitzer's last observation was Wednesday. Altogether, Spitzer observed 800,000 celestial targets and churned out more than 36 million raw images as part of the $1.4 billion mission.

An estimated 4,000 scientists around the world took part in the observations and published nearly 9,000 studies, according to NASA.

"You have to be proud ... when you look back and say, 'Look at the team that's operating Spitzer, look at the team that's contributing to having all of this great science,'" said project manager Joseph Hunt.

Designed to last just 2 ½ to five years, the telescope got increasingly difficult to operate as it drifted farther behind Earth, NASA said. It currently trails Earth by 165 million miles, while orbiting the sun.

Spitzer will continue to fall even farther behind Earth, posing no threat to another spacecraft or anything else, officials said.

"Although it would be great to be able to operate all of our telescopes forever, this is not possible," NASA's astrophysics director Paul Hertz said in an email.

NASA originally planned to decommission Spitzer a few years ago, but put off its demise as the James Webb Space Telescope, a vastly more elaborate infrared observatory, kept getting delayed.

Webb's launch is now off until at least early next year. This week, the Government Accountability Office warned of further delays because of technical challenges.

It had been costing NASA about $12 million a year lately to keep Spitzer going. Hertz said with "no guarantee" Spitzer would last until Webb's launch, the decision was made to shut it down now.

Launched in 2003, Spitzer was the last of NASA's four so-called great observatories. With its infrared instruments, it was able to sense heat coming off celestial objects like night vision goggles, said Suzanne Dodd, a former project manager who now oversees NASA's Deep Space Network at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

By seeing through dust, "we're lifting the cosmic veil on the universe," Dodd said.

Still sending back breathtaking pictures, the Hubble Space Telescope rocketed into orbit in 1990 to observe the cosmos in visible and ultraviolet light; it will celebrate its 30th anniversary in April.

For first time in 4 years, U.S. life expectancy rises – a little

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

Todd Berkey / AP file

Two joggers run through Grandview Cemetery in Johnstown, Pa., on Jan. 24. Data released on Thursday shows that U.S. life expectancy has improved for the first time in four years, thanks to a sharp decline in the cancer death rate and to a drop in fatal drug overdoses.

NEW YORK — Life expectancy in the United States is up for the first time in four years.

The increase is small – just a month – but marks at least a temporary halt to a downward trend. The rise is due to lower death rates for cancer and drug overdoses.

"Let's just hope it continues," said Robert Anderson, who oversees the report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The latest calculation is for 2018 and factors in current death trends and other issues. On average, an infant born that year is expected to live about 78 years and 8 months, the CDC said.

For males, it's about 76 years and 2 months; for females 81 years and 1 month.

For decades, U.S. life expectancy was on the upswing, rising a few months nearly every year. But from 2014 to 2017, it fell slightly or held steady. That was blamed largely on surges in overdose deaths and suicides.

Suicides continued to increase in 2018, as did deaths from the flu and pneumonia during what turned out to be an unusually bad flu year. But declines in some other causes of death – most notably cancer and drug overdoses – were enough to overcome all that, according to the report.

Cancer is the nation's No. 2 killer, blamed for about 600,000 deaths a year, so even slight changes in the cancer death rate can have a big impact. The rate fell more than 2 percent, matching the drop in 2017.

"I'm a little surprised that rapid pace is continuing," said Rebecca Siegel, a researcher for the American Cancer Society.

Most of the improvement is in lung cancer because of fewer smokers and better treatments, she said.

Also striking was the drop in drug overdose deaths that had skyrocketed through 2017. The death rate fell 4 percent in 2018 and the number of deaths dropped to about 67,400.

Deaths from heroin and prescription painkillers went down, however, deaths from other drugs – fentanyl, cocaine and meth – continued to go up. And preliminary data for the first half of 2019 suggest the overall decline in overdose deaths is already slowing down.

It's still a crisis, said Katherine Keyes, a Columbia University researcher. "But the fact that we have seen the first year where there's not an additional increase is encouraging."

The national decline was driven by dips in 14 states, the CDC's Anderson said. Those include states where overdose deaths have been most common, like Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

In Ohio's Hamilton County, which includes Cincinnati, overdose deaths fell in 2018 and preliminary data indicates another drop last year. County health commissioner Tim Ingram credited efforts to try to expand access to treatment, and to widely distribute the overdose reversal drug Narcan.

"We almost saturated our community with Narcan," he said.

Nationally, for all causes of death, more than 2.8 million Americans died in 2018. That's about 26,000 more than the year before, the CDC report found. The number went up even as the death rate went down, because the population is growing and a large group are retirement age baby boomers.

Other findings:

■ The 10 leading causes of death remained the same, with heart disease at No. 1. The death rate for heart disease declined slightly, by less than 1 percent.

■ Death rates also dropped for stroke, Alzheimer's disease, chronic lower respiratory diseases and unintentional injuries, which includes drug overdoses.

■ Americans who were 65 in 2018 are expected to live another 19 years and six months, on average.

■ The infant mortality rate fell more than 2 percent, to 1 in 177 births.

■ The suicide death rate hit its highest level since 1941 – about 14 per 100,000. The rate peaked during the Depression in 1932 then mostly declined until 2000. It's been rising most years since then.

The U.S. has the highest suicide rate of 11 wealthy nations studied, according to a separate report released Thursday by the private Commonwealth Fund. That report also found U.S. life expectancy is two years lower that the average for the 10 other wealthy nations.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

"Latin trains the brain," says Ron Wilging, who has been teaching Latin at St. Joseph High School for 28 years. He teaches this language the same way he learned it 40 years ago, with a zest for knowledge and order.

"One word of Latin begets at least 10 words of English," Wilging said. That means the study of Latin "helps to broaden a student's vocabulary," he added.

35 years ago – 1985

St. Joseph police are warning people to stay off the ice on Lake Michigan. "While the ice may be very scenic, it also can be very dangerous," said Patrolman Rick Smiedendorf, community safety director. Ice on Lake Michigan may be less stable than inland water ice due to the "honeycomb effect," according to Smiedendorf. "It is our advice to just stay off the ice and enjoy the view from the shore," he added.

50 years ago – 1970

City of South Haven crews worked yesterday at the community's new $380,000 municipal marina in an attempt to prevent further ice damage. Lake Michigan's high level has caused ice buildup and damage to many of the docks. City crews removed bolts from bumper beams which protrude into the ice in an attempt to relieve the pressure being placed on the docks. Preliminary damage estimates are between $10,000 and $15,000.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2020. There are 336 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for high treason.

In 1931, the Charles Chaplin feature "City Lights" had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war refugees; roughly 1,000 people survived. Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany's chancellor with his last public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory.

In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse , a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)

In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

In 1969, The Beatles staged an impromptu concert atop Apple headquarters in London; it was the group's last public performance.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
35°	27°	36° / 26°	34° / 28°	41° / 31°	46° / 38°

Local Outlook

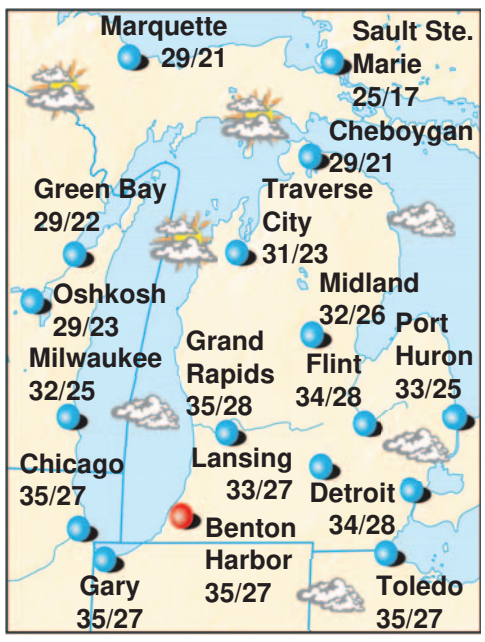
Today we will see cloudy skies with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 73%. South wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of snow, overnight low of 27°. Light winds.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:01 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:57 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:05 a.m.
Moonset ..... 11:39 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
2/1	2/9	2/15	2/23

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	34°
Low	30°
Normal High	32°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	59° in 2013
Record Low	-7° in 2019

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	3.86"
Normal for month	1.63"
Year to date	3.86"
Normal Year to date	1.63"

Air Quality

Yesterday 38
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

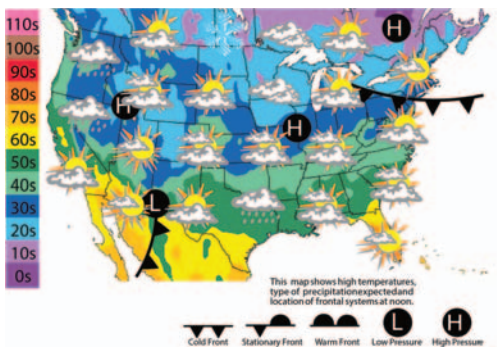
Weather Trivia

How long does it take light to travel from the sun to reach the earth?

Answer: It takes about 8 minutes.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 30, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, Variable winds 5 kt or less. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds 5 kt or less. Cloudy. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. East southeast wind 2 to 5 mph. Expect cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 30s. South wind 2 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with highs in the 30s. South wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 30s. Light winds.

Al Goldis / AP

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivers her State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate on Wednesday at the state Capitol in Lansing. Behind Whitmer is Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II.

ROADS

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fixing the roads, said increasing gasoline and diesel taxes by 45 cents a gallon to raise a net $1.9 billion more annually was "Plan A" and would have solved Michigan's road-funding problem. But GOP legislators who rejected that idea never countered with a serious alternative and now it is time for "Plan B," she said.

"It's worse because another year has passed. Michigan roads are the most beat up and dangerous in the country," she told legislators.

The plan, dubbed "Rebuilding Michigan," is not a surprise. During her 2018 campaign, Whitmer said she would ask voters to pass a multibillion-dollar bond if she ran into legislative resistance to "user fees" such as higher gas taxes.

While her predecessor, Gov. Rick Snyder, opposed bonding for roadwork, former Govs. Jennifer Granholm and John Engler used the tactic in the 1990s and 2000s.

The State Transportation Commission can authorize the borrowing without voter approval, which it will do at a meeting Thursday. It also is expected to revise Michigan's five-year project list then.

Whitmer cited Interstate 275 in Detroit as an example of a project that was being bid for resurfacing and will instead become a reconstruction job.

House Speaker Lee Chatfield, a Levering Republican, said he was disappointed over the governor's decision to issue bonds.

"What she's focusing on is a financing tool and, if done right, can be responsible. But it's not a funding proposal. So this is not a long-term solution for our roads – simply taking out a loan and passing it on to our children," he said.

Under State Transportation Commission policy, Michigan's debt service on State Trunkline Fund bonds is limited to $300 million, or a quarter of the revenue collected annually from state fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. The state can pay up to $182 million more annually toward debt initially and not exceed the cap.

Also, payments on past borrowing – $118 million this fiscal year – will drop gradually and substantially, to $6 million by the 2027-28 budget year, according to the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency.

The new bonding will not address local roads, unlike under her 2019 proposal, which would have pumped $1.4 billion more into state roads and an additional $400 million into local roads than under current law.

Whitmer put the onus on the lawmakers to come forward with permanent road-funding options. Asked if she considered proposing a smaller gas tax hike after the 45-cent plan fell flat, Whitmer said she took seriously Republicans' public criticism, which she said jived with what was said in private meetings.

"There's not a real seriousness about raising the kind of revenue we really need to bend the curve on our infrastructure crisis," she told AP.

"Perhaps I'm wrong. And if that's the case, fantastic. If the Legislature wants to move forward on some funding, I'm eager to sit down and have that conversation. I think it's ultimately what has to happen."

Also Wednesday, Whitmer outlined education and health care initiatives – including a partnership with foundations to help parents and students navigate a "punitive" reading law that is expected to result in more third-graders having to repeat the grade starting next school year.

She also urged majority Republicans to work with Democrats to enshrine protections for people with pre-existing conditions into state law in case the federal Obama-era health care law is overturned.

It was the start of a busy nine days in which she also will deliver Democrats' national response to President Donald Trump's State of the Union address and present her budget proposal.

MANAGER

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"Now, we need to get to know each other more intimately, sitting down, making sure we are on the same track on where we want to take the city," he said. "That's the first thing that needs to happen."

After he was appointed, Mitchell said he plans to talk with Mayor Marcus Muhammad about restructuring how the city commission operates so commissioners are more involved and meetings flow smoother.

"One thing is having a session before we come on the floor so we can intimately look at what's on the agenda," he said. "I want to work with you on the agenda so that we know what's on the agenda ... and there are no hits and misses."

This isn't the first time Mitchell has managed the city.

He was Benton Harbor's city manager from 1983-87. At a banquet in Mitchell's honor before he left, then-Mayor Wilce Cooke praised Mitchell for the way he improved the city's relationships not only internally, but with other municipalities.

Cooke, who was in the audience, said after the meeting that the commissioners made the right decision.

"It was a super move tonight. This gentleman deserves it," he said.

Recreational marijuana

Also during the meeting, attorney Richard Racht said recreational marijuana will be discussed at the next legislative committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 5. He said he's already sent sample ordinances to the committee members.

He said some cities are combining their medical and recreational marijuana ordinances.

He said nine of the 14 applications for medical marijuana provisioning centers are complete. The city's ordinance allows only two provisioning center licenses to be made available.

"We're hoping to get it on the agenda within the next couple of weeks for commissioners to take a look at," he said.

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Will Suggs and Jurlene Edison, of Benton Harbor, have converted a mobile food truck into a mobile shoe store.

SHOES

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always buying shoes. We know what it's like," Suggs said. "We want to help people in our community."

A particular Jordan brand of sneaker for an adult that he said would sell for $220 retail is priced at $60 at Stash Houz Kickz. A kids' size would sell for $150 in a store, Suggs said. His price is $40 to $50.

"All these Jordans are authentic. I know how to authenticate them," Suggs said. "I want to be the coolest used shoe store anywhere. I want to be the first sneaker trailer in Southwest Michigan."

Not all the shoes they sell are brand-name, and they will buy shoes that are not a famous brand.

Edison said the goal is to purchase more mobile units and open locations in downtown Benton Harbor and in St. Joseph.

Asked whether she would consider expanding to sell different types of shoes, such as dress shoes, Edison said she used to watch the Chicago Bulls all the time when Michael Jordan played, and developed a passion for brand-name sneakers.

"I don't know much about dress shoes. We're all about sneakers in our family," she said.

Suggs and Edison, both born and raised in Benton Harbor, said they will take donations of sneakers if people insist, but they would rather pay something for them.

"It's all about helping the community and giving back, helping people," Edison said.

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NILES

MDOT: Time to eliminate U.S. 12 bridge at M-51

Project targeted to start in 2023

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

NILES — Michigan Department of Transportation officials have announced the final results of their study of the busy U.S. 12/Michigan-51 interchange south of Niles. The results of the study come after two open houses held in the last two years.

Officials announced Wednesday that they have concluded that the best solution is to replace the U.S. 12 bridges over M-51 with an at-grade intersection that includes traffic lights and indirect "Michigan" left turns. The project will also make improvements to the nearby U.S. 12/South 3rd Street intersection.

MDOT project manager Kyle Rudlaff said the meetings held with stakeholders and the public were instructive in helping MDOT reach its decision. Those speaking at the two open houses included residents and truckers who raised questions about both intersections when it comes to congestion and the potential for crashes.

"Our meetings with the public and stakeholders revealed the community had more concerns about congestion and crashes at the 3rd Street intersection than at M-51," Rudlaff said.

"The interactive approach used in this study led us to look at more than just the interchange and address the community's highest priorities while still accomplishing our original goals. This project will improve the U.S. 12 corridor and specifically address congestion and crashes at the 3rd Street intersection well into the future."

The final study report released Wednesday noted that the project involves removing the existing bridges, reconstruct one mile of U.S. 12 and resurface 2.5 miles of M-51 south to the state line. Construction is expected to start in 2023.

The total project is expected to cost $26 million with the work on the specific U.S. 12/M-51 and U.S. 12/S. 3rd Street intersections costing $14.92 million alone.

The study released Wednesday noted some modifications were made to the original plan as the result of comments made over the last two years. For example, MDOT officials consulted with truckers and operators at the "Tank Town" terminals on S. 3rd and decided to put in 200 feet of right turn "storage" for northbound

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Grants to help SH firefighters fight carcinogens

New cleaning equipment to help rid first responders' clothing of carcinogens

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — First responders at South Haven Area Emergency Services now have much more capable commercial cleaning equipment that decontaminates carcinogens from bunker gear and prevents cross contamination with other laundry thanks to grants from three industries and a bank.

Each of the three SHAES stations now has industrial washers built especially for the purpose of cleaning the gear. In addition, the staff has built drying equipment saving the department significant expenses that would have been incurred by purchasing commercial products.

Studies have shown an association between cancer risk and being a firefighter. After exposure to even routine firefighting, bunker gear can contain carcinogens that may be absorbed through contact or inhalation.

Awareness of this increased cancer risk brought a desire by the SHAES leadership to improve upon gear-cleaning.

"The safety of our first responders is our highest priority," said Fire Chief Ronald Wise. "We determined that a systematic approach to cleaning turnout gear would be the best remedy for providing this safeguard. We're grateful to our contributors whose acknowledgment of this need brought it to reality."

Lovejoy, Inc., through the Timken Foundation, awarded SHAES a $20,000 grant.

The Timken Foundation gives out grants to non-profit agencies that operate in communities in which the Timken Co. has facilities. Lovejoy, Inc. has had a plant in South Haven since 1960. The company is a supplier of couplings, power transmissions, hydraulic components and rubber suspension technology.

Albemarle, which is a global supplier of specialty chemicals, contributed $10,000 through its employees' foundation. The company has been in South Haven since 1976. The Albemarle Foundation was launched as a means to power the giving potential of its employees. Each site has its own Foundation Council that shares a wide view of a community's needs and oversees diverse programs of philanthropic opportunities.

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ABOVE: First responders for South Haven Area Emergency Services now have more capable commercial cleaning equipment to decontaminate carcinogens from gear and prevent cross contamination with other laundry. **LEFT:** South Haven Area Emergency Services firefighter Lt. Brian Horan is shown in soiled gear after fighting a fire. Studies indicate that exposure to even routine firefighting, can cause carcinogens to be absorbed through contact or inhalation.

Photos provided / South Haven Area Emergency Services

Names released in Dowagiac shooting

By HP STAFF

DOWAGIAC — The men accused of fatally shooting a man in Dowagiac on Monday have been denied bond.

Cass County Prosecutor Victor Fitz reported in a news release that Justin Robert-Gabriel Carlton, 41, of Kalamazoo and Jay Vincent Penar, 38, of White Pigeon were each arraigned Wednesday on one felony count of open murder, one felony count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, four felony counts of armed robbery, and five counts of felony firearm.

Carlton was also charged as a habitual offender.

Police were called at 1:40 a.m. Monday to a house in the 700 block of Louise Avenue in Dowagiac on a report of a man having been shot.

The man, 40-year-old Michael Kenneth Collins, was dead when they arrived.

Dowagiac police determined two people had entered the residence with the intent to rob the people there. After entering, the suspects shot one man and tied up the other three people.

After the intruders left, the people in the house were able to free themselves

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Disability Network movie series continues in February

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The Disability Network Southwest Michigan is holding another event for its winter Movie & Discussion series with the film "Far From the Tree."

The event is from 2-4 p.m. on Feb. 27 at the Disability Network's St. Joseph office, located at 2900 Lakeview Ave.

The film is based on the New York Times bestselling book of the same name.

This documentary examines the experiences of families in which parents and children are profoundly different from one another in a variety of ways.

The film explores expectations that parents put on their children and whether those expectations come from the children's needs or the parents' need to be seen as a "good parent."

This event is free and open to the public. Snacks will be provided.

Pre-registration is encouraged by contacting Miranda Grunwell at grunwellm@dnswm.org or 269-345-1516, ext. 120.

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Lakeshore Excellence Foundation online auction starts Saturday

By HP STAFF

STEVENSVILLE — Disney passes, Whirlpool Corp. appliances, spa treatments, gym memberships, golf vacations, restaurant dining, Chicago getaways and a host of other items will be auctioned off beginning this weekend, as the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation kicks off its fourth annual online auction.

Bidding starts at noon Saturday and runs through 9 p.m. Feb. 8. Participants can log on to https://LEF2020.givesmart.com to see the list of items up for grabs. A link to the auction can be found at www.lefonline.org.

"I am always amazed at the generosity of the local businesses in supporting this event," said LEF Chairman J.C. Anderson. "These retailers are called upon almost every day for contributions, and they simply cannot support everything. Our 'turndown rate' by the retailers is extremely low, and we encourage our donors to support these local businesses."

In 2019, the LEF online action raised $19,000 for Lakeshore Public Schools.

The school district is in the bottom 25 percent of

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Berrien County searching for new administrator

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien County Board of Commissioners is searching for a new county administrator.

The position is now posted at www.berriencounty.org as county officials are accepting applications until Feb. 21.

County Administrator William Wolf announced in December that he would be leaving his position as Berrien County administrator on June 12. Wolf has been in that job since Jan. 1, 2005. Prior to that, he served as the Berrien County treasurer.

The position of county administrator is responsible for providing administrative leadership in the county with policy guidance from the Board of Commissioners.

Under the direction of the board, the position serves as the chief administrative, financial, personnel and operational officer of the county. The position serves as liaison between countywide elected officials, other agencies and the Board of Commissioners and supervises appointed department heads.

The administrator's office is charged with preparing and executing a balanced county operational budget of around $188 million and a defined benefit pension program over $200 million.

Education and experience requirements are: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelors' degree in public administration, business management, finance, law or a related field. A master's degree is preferred.

Applicants must have a minimum of 10 years of increasingly responsible experience in public administration. It is preferred that applicants have a thorough knowledge of the principles of local government administration, including organizational forms and structures and operating methods and procedures.

Enbridge: Broken rod in Great Lakes poses no risk

MACKINAW CITY (AP) — An energy company sees no reason to remove a narrow 270-foot rod from the Straits of Mackinac in northern Michigan, telling regulators that it poses no risk to the Great Lakes while embedded in the lake bottom.

Enbridge Inc. also used the letter to try to clear up any confusion about the length of the rod. The rod became stuck in September when it was used to fill a hole with grout. A contractor then broke the rod, which left a 45 foot segment on the lake bottom and the remainder in the hole. The shorter piece was recovered in December.

Enbridge sent a letter Monday to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, days after Joseph Haas, a supervisor in the department's Gaylord office, expressed surprise to the Detroit Free Press about the size of the remaining rod.

"At no point did Enbridge believe that the length of rod remaining in the borehole was only 40 feet nor did anyone at Enbridge intend to report as much," wrote Paul Turner, an Enbridge environmental specialist.

Nonetheless, he added, "we are sorry for any role we may have had in any confusion related to this issue."

The rod was part of a project last summer. Enbridge was performing geotechnical work as part of a plan to eventually replace its Line 5 pipeline with one protected by a tunnel.

"At this time there is no segment of the rod that protrudes above the lakebed," Turner wrote. "Further, we believe that the presence of the rod in the borehole does not give rise to any environmental or other risk, either short-term or long-term. The borehole has effectively been plugged by the sediment around the hole."

Line 5 carries crude oil and natural gas liquids used to make propane. The underground line runs between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario. The Straits of Mackinac segment is divided into two adjacent pipes. The Straits connect lakes Michigan and Huron.

Critics fear a spill and want Line 5 to be permanently shut down.

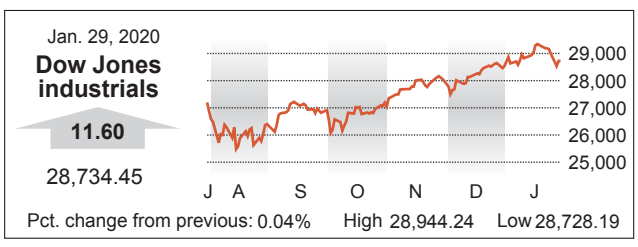
Brexit deal cleared by EU Parliament; UK to leave Friday

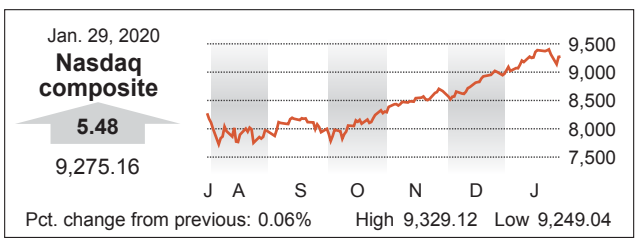
BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union grudgingly let go of the United Kingdom with a final vote Wednesday at the EU's parliament that ended the Brexit divorce battle and set the scene for tough trade negotiations in the year ahead.

In an emotion-charged session at the session in Brussels, lawmakers from all 28 EU countries expressed their love and sadness.

Britain will leave the EU after 47 years of membership. It is the first country to leave the EU and for many in Europe its official departure at 11 p.m. London time on Friday, Jan. 31 is a moment of enormous sadness and reduces the number in the bloc to 27.

MARKETS





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NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	52-WK RANGE HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	28.92	39.70	37.05	-1.53	-4.0	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	78.15	102.75	102.81	+.62	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	153.66	323.33	324.34	+6.65	+2.1	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	848.39	1274.41	1096.51	-11.07	-1.0	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	35.73	45.38	37.17	-.24	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	51.13	67.96	67.31	+.24	+0.4	▼	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	44.42	57.87	57.01	...	...	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	34.67	47.74	43.32	-.72	-1.6	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	160.16	-2.82	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	136.06	-2.31	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	86.19	119.71	86.11	-.65	-0.7	▼	▼	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	64.63	83.49	64.11	-.54	-0.8	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	24.17	31.64	28.47	-.39	-1.4	▼	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	41.88	53.42	48.12	-.67	-1.4	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	8.16	10.56	8.86	+.04	+0.5	▲	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	7.65	12.24	12.94	+1.21	+10.3	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	179.52	239.31	234.02	+.16	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	15.21	19.48	17.42	-.26	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	12.15	15.63	13.48	-.12	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
IDEX	IEX	136.24	176.70	172.14	+.86	+0.5	▬	▲	▲
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McDnlds	MCD	173.41	221.93	214.44	+4.05	+1.9	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	102.17	168.19	168.04	+2.58	+1.6	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	32.86	49.88	39.69	-.81	-2.0	▼	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.53	1.92	.80	-.00	-0.5	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	60.48	58.64	-.88	-1.5	▼	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	33.97	44.56	37.58	-.56	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	96.34	127.00	125.06	-.97	-0.8	▼	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	75.03	95.18	94.47	+.11	+0.1	▼	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	14.45	23.02	18.90	-.20	-1.0	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	174.84	223.45	210.68	-3.52	-1.6	▼	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	35.96	47.71	42.30	-.09	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	69.07	130.24	114.27	-1.17	-1.0	▬	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	82.62	114.25	95.02	+.03	...	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	92.65	125.31	115.76	+.39	+0.3	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	53.02	62.22	59.53	-1.17	-1.9	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	71.71	99.70	98.69	+.19	+0.2	▼	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	93.35	125.38	115.89	-.71	-0.6	▲	▼	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	49.03	74.95	52.28	-.50	-0.9	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	22.84	22.03	+.24	+1.1	▼	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	154.10	-2.57	-1.6	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	37.53	+.03	+0.1	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	96.20	89.71	+.11	+0.1	▼	▲	▲

Fed chair sees China virus as possible risk to world economy

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

Manuel Balce Ceneta / AP

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell speaks during a news conference following the Federal Open Market Committee meeting in Washington on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — Just as the outlook for the global economy had been brightening in recent months, a new threat has suddenly emerged in the form of the viral outbreak in China.

That was the cautionary message that Chairman Jerome Powell delivered Wednesday after the Federal Reserve held interest rates low after its latest policy meeting.

Speaking at a news conference, Powell said the signing of a preliminary U.S.-China trade deal earlier this month, the resolution of Brexit and continuing low interest rates in the United States and abroad had suggested that the world economy would start to expand more quickly after being held back by trade conflicts. That scenario is now complicated by the emergence of the virus.

Still, Powell noted that the extent of the economic damage that the virus may ultimately inflict, in China or around the world, remains unknown.

"There is likely to be some disruption to activity in China and globally," Powell said. "It's very uncertain how far it will spread and what the (economic) effects will be in China, for its trading partners, and around the world ... We are very carefully monitoring the situation."

Even so, Powell said he thinks there are "there are signs and reasons to expect" a global economic rebound. And he said the initial U.S.-China trade agreement and a new trade pact among the U.S., Canada and Mexico that President Donald Trump signed into law Wednesday could potentially boost the U.S. economy.

Powell spoke after the Fed had announced that it has kept its key interest rate unchanged in a low range of 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent, far below levels that were typical during previous expansions. The chairman and other Fed officials have indicated that they see that range as low enough to support faster growth and hiring.

Investors, however, are increasingly betting that the Fed will feel compelled to cut rates later this year, likely out of concern that the U.S. will feel the impact of a global slowdown stemming from the coronavirus. The chances of a cut by September's Fed meeting have risen above 70 percent, according to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's FedWatch tool, up from roughly 40 percent just a month ago.

Still, Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said he saw nothing in the Fed's statement or at Powell's news conference to make him change his belief that the central bank will keep its benchmark rate unchanged for the foreseeable future.

"Unless the U.S. experiences its own epidemic, we doubt that the indirect effects from the disruptions in China would be enough to warrant a U.S. rate cut," Ashworth said.

The coronavirus has in effect shut down much of that nation and seems sure to slow the Chinese economy – the world's second-largest – which had already been decelerating. The virus has now infected more people in China than were sickened in the country by the SARS outbreak in 2002-2003.

Major companies across the world have responded to the virus by suspending some operations in China. Starbucks said it plans to close half its stores in China, its second-largest market. British Airways has halted all flights to China, and American Airlines suspended Los Angeles flights to and from Shanghai and Beijing.

Hotels, airlines, casinos and cruise operators are among the industries that have suffered the most immediate repercussions. Apple CEO Tim Cook said the company's suppliers in China have been forced to delay the re-opening of factories that have closed for the Chinese New Year holiday until Feb. 10.

Stock prices slipped after the Fed issued its statement and Powell concluded his news conference. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed barely higher after having posted stronger gains in earlier trading. Bond yields declined slightly.

The Fed's statement, which its policymaking committee approved 10-0, was nearly identical to the one it issued in December, though this time it described consumer spending as rising at only a "moderate" rather than at a "strong" pace. That change likely reflects relatively modest spending by Americans over the holiday shopping season.

The statement also signaled that the Fed wants inflation to move higher. The Fed's preferred measure showed inflation rose just 1.5 percent in November from a year earlier, below its 2 percent target.

"We're not comfortable with inflation running persistently below" the Fed's objective, Powell said. The Fed seeks inflation at that level as a cushion against deflation, a destabilizing drop in prices and wages.

Last year, the Fed cut its benchmark rate three times after having raised it four times in 2018. Powell and other Fed officials credit those rate cuts with revitalizing the housing market, which had stumbled early last year, and offsetting some of the drag from President Donald Trump's trade war with China.

On another topic, Powell said the Fed will continue its purchases of six-month Treasury bills to ensure that short-term lending markets operate smoothly. The Fed began buying $60 billion of the bills each month in October to expand cash reserves that are available for overnight lending, after a shortage of reserves caused overnight rates to spike. The lending squeeze also pushed the Fed's benchmark rate out of its target range.

The Fed plans to continue its purchases until the second quarter, Powell said, while it slowly draws down some temporary lending it has also done to boost short-term lending markets.

GRANTS

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Entergy Corp., owner of the Palisades nuclear plant which has operated in Covert Township since 1971, contributed $5,000. Entergy is a Fortune 500 integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations.

Employees of Sturgis Bank and Trust donated $450 to the project. The second Friday of each month is dedicated as "Jean Day" at the bank. For a donation of $5, employees can wear jeans that day.

Each month a different branch of the bank can determine the beneficiary of their contribution. Sturgis Bank and Trust has two of its 12 branches in South Haven.

The project cost a total of $42,000 and funded equipment purchases and ensured that plumbing and electrical requirements were met. The washer and dryer machines were built by SHAES.

Photo provided / South Haven Area Emergency Services

The three SHAES stations now have industrial washers built especially for the purpose of cleaning the gear.

The SHAES staff also contributed to the project by sponsoring fundraising pancake breakfasts.

AUCTION

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state revenue it receives per student.

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation works to close that funding gap by acquiring and distributing resources that support district programs and projects aimed at enhancing, enriching or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff and the community.

LEF is upgrading the sound, lighting and other technical components in the Community Auditorium – a $660,000 project that is expected to be completed later this year.

With the support of the LEF, Lakeshore Public Schools has also been able to:

■ Transform the libraries at every district school into 21st Century Learning Centers.

■ Implement Project Lead the Way, a nationally renowned STEM curriculum.

■ Supply each elementary and Language Arts classroom in the district with its own lending library.

In addition, LEF has supported FIRST Robotics, the district's Career and Technical Education programs and musical productions.

MOVIE SERIES

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When registering, attendees are asked to say whether they require an accommodation to participate in the workshop. This is a fragrance free event, so attendees are asked to not wear any scented products.

Founded in 1981 by a small group of disability advocates, Disability Network Southwest Michigan educates and connects people with disabilities to the community resources they need to live independently.

Disability Network's advocacy work is focused on creating communities that value disability as human diversity, free of attitudinal barriers, where all people benefit with full access and inclusion.

SHOOTING

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before police arrived.

Police determined through their investigation that Penar had previously lived at the Louise Avenue address. He was found at a location north of Three Rivers in St. Joseph County.

Police found Carlton at a residence near Kalamazoo.

Carlton and Penar remain in the Cass County Jail. They are next set to appear in court for a probable cause conference at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 6.

BRIDGE

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traffic on S. 3rd Street.

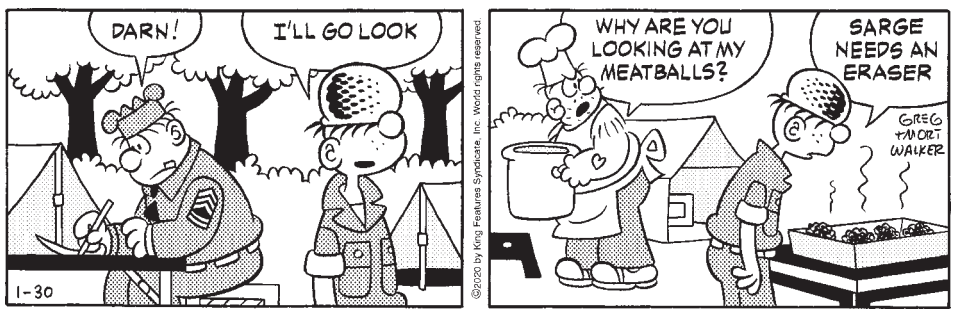
MDOT also took the recommendation of Niles Township officials on vision concerns for southbound traffic on S. 3rd by calling for overhanging branches be trimmed and "signal ahead" signs be installed for both north and southbound traffic on S. 3rd. The east to westbound crossover on U.S. 12, east of S. 3rd Street will be lengthened and signalized.

The median width on U.S. 12 from west of S. 3rd Street to east of M-51 will be increased to 44 feet to provide better turning radii for the "Michigan" indirect left turns.

They will incorporate pedestrian concerns as well, as the non-motorized Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail crosses U.S. 12 at S. 3rd Street. There will be a leading pedestrian interval to allow pedestrians to cross before the green signal is given for S. 3rd Street traffic. A non-motorized connection will also be made on U.S. 12 to M-51.

The next steps include securing funding, conducting an environmental planning process, having the project incorporated in the Niles Area Transportation Study's 2020-23 program, completing design, obtaining any needed right-of-ways and completing intergovernmental agreements with local governments regarding maintenance.

BEETLE BAILEY


DARN!
I'LL GO LOOK
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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT MY MEATBALLS?
SARGE NEEDS AN ERASER
GREG + MORT WALKER
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BLONDIE

HOW WAS YOUR DAY, DEAR?
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I SAT DOWN, MY COMPUTER CRASHED
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I HAD A TON OF WORK TO DO, BUT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN GET STARTED
LUCKILY, TECH SUPPORT WASN'T ABLE TO GET ME BACK ONLINE UNTIL IT WAS TIME TO PACK UP AND LEAVE
www.Blondie.com
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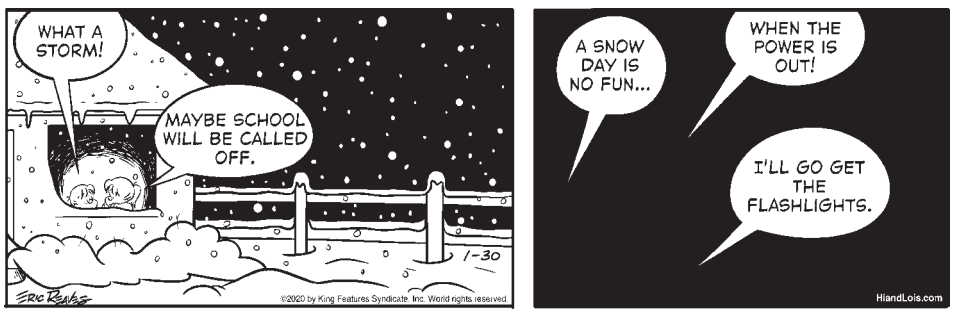
HI & LOIS


WHAT A STORM!
MAYBE SCHOOL WILL BE CALLED OFF.
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A SNOW DAY IS NO FUN...
WHEN THE POWER IS OUT!
I'LL GO GET THE FLASHLIGHTS.
HiandLois.com

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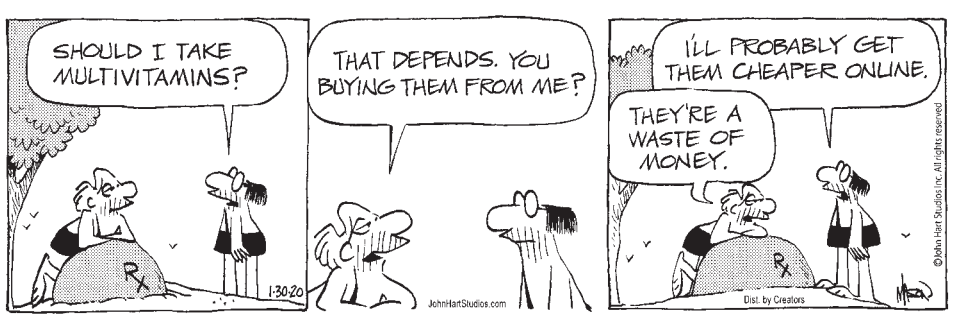
SHOULD I TAKE MULTIVITAMINS?
THAT DEPENDS. YOU BUYING THEM FROM ME?
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I'LL PROBABLY GET THEM CHEAPER ONLINE.
THEY'RE A WASTE OF MONEY.
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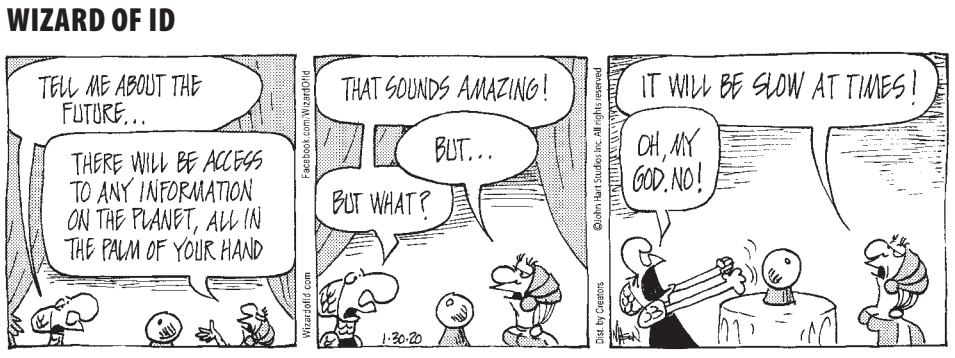
WIZARD OF ID


TELL ME ABOUT THE FUTURE...
THERE WILL BE ACCESS TO ANY INFORMATION ON THE PLANET, ALL IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND
Facebook.com/WizardOfId
Wizardofid.com
THAT SOUNDS AMAZING!
BUT...
BUT WHAT?
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IT WILL BE SLOW AT TIMES!
OH, MY GOD. NO!
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DILBERT

I HAVE LOW SELF-ESTEEM, BUT THE OTHER DAY I WAS THINKING...
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
WHAT IF I'M ACTUALLY GREAT AND I JUST DON'T KNOW IT?
YOU'RE NOT.
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GARFIELD

WHEN IT COMES TO SLEEP, I'M A PRO
BUT POOKY IS IN A LEAGUE BY HIMSELF
ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU GOTTA TEACH ME THAT HIBERNATION THING, PAL
JIM DAVIS 1-30
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FORT KNOX

PEARL, I'M NOT GOING OUT WITH YOU AND A GOLDFISH.
AND WHY NOT?
BECAUSE IT'S JUST ODD.
WELL, THAT'S HOW IT IS...TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.
BUT WHAT?
FINE.
GREAT! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO EAT?
SUSHI.
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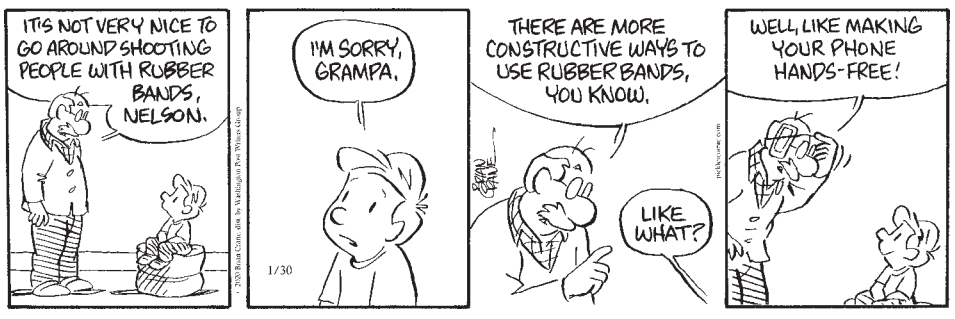
PICKLES


IT'S NOT VERY NICE TO GO AROUND SHOOTING PEOPLE WITH RUBBER BANDS, NELSON.
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I'M SORRY, GRAMPA.
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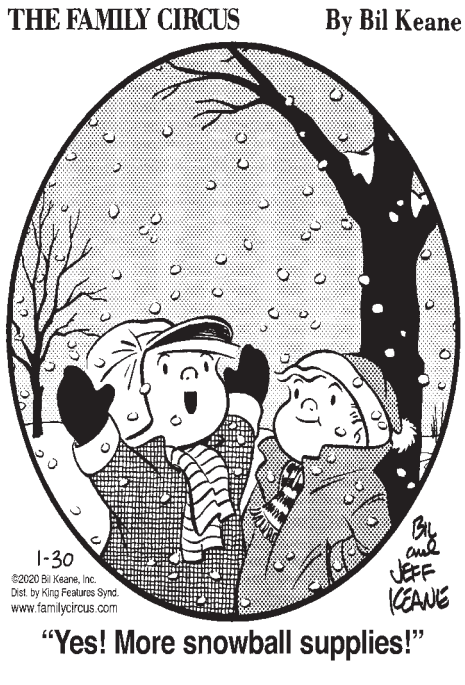
THERE ARE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS TO USE RUBBER BANDS, YOU KNOW.
LIKE WHAT?
WELL, LIKE MAKING YOUR PHONE HANDS-FREE!

FAMILY CIRCUS



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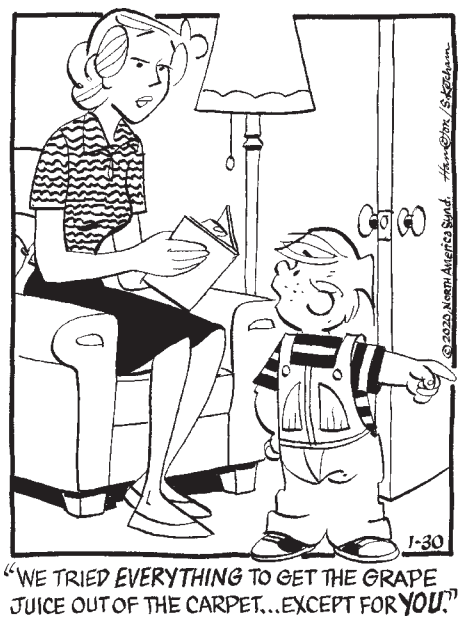
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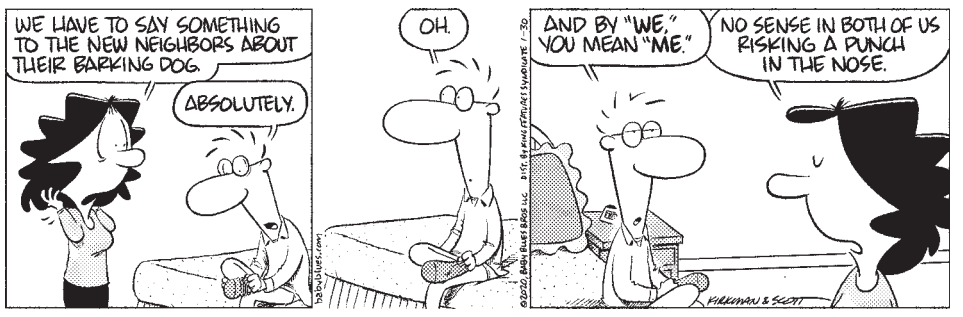
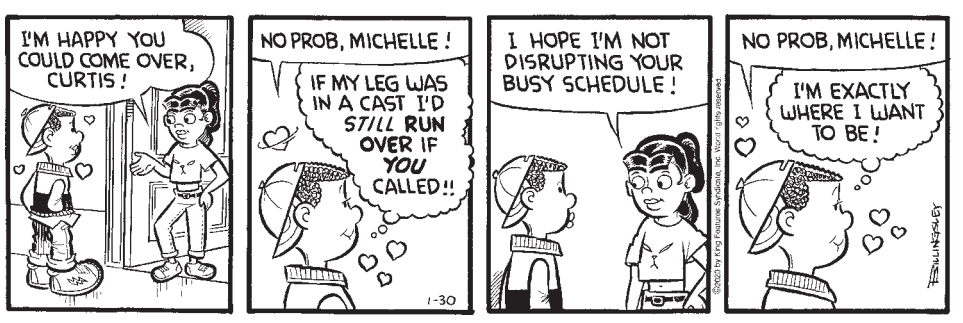
"WE TRIED EVERYTHING TO GET THE GRAPE JUICE OUT OF THE CARPET...EXCEPT FOR YOU."

BABY BLUES


WE HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING TO THE NEW NEIGHBORS ABOUT THEIR BARKING DOG.
ABSOLUTELY.
babyblues.com
OH.
AND BY "WE," YOU MEAN "ME."
NO SENSE IN BOTH OF US RISKING A PUNCH IN THE NOSE.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

CURTIS


I'M HAPPY YOU COULD COME OVER, CURTIS!
NO PROB, MICHELLE!
IF MY LEG WAS IN A CAST I'D STILL RUN OVER IF YOU CALLED!!
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I HOPE I'M NOT DISRUPTING YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE!
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NO PROB, MICHELLE!
I'M EXACTLY WHERE I WANT TO BE!
TERRY BRADY

ZITS

SO, WHAT DO THESE ROBOTS DO, EXACTLY?
ALL KINDS OF STUFF.
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THIS ONE IS DESIGNED TO THROW A FRISBEE AND PLAY THE DRUMS!
SCOTT & JERRY BORGMAN 1-30
DUDE! YOU'VE BECOME OBSOLETE!
CAN WE BEND ALL OF ITS FINGERS EXCEPT THIS ONE?
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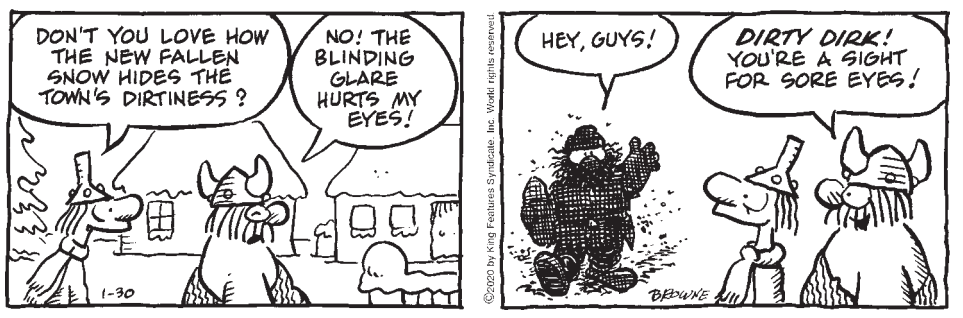
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


DON'T YOU LOVE HOW THE NEW FALLEN SNOW HIDES THE TOWN'S DIRTINESS?
NO! THE BLINDING GLARE HURTS MY EYES!
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HEY, GUYS!
DIRTY DIRK! YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES!
BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

HERE, ATTILA, HERE, ATTILA, ATTILA, HERE, ATTILA. HEERRE, BOY. HEERRRE, ATTILA. HEERRE...
CAT
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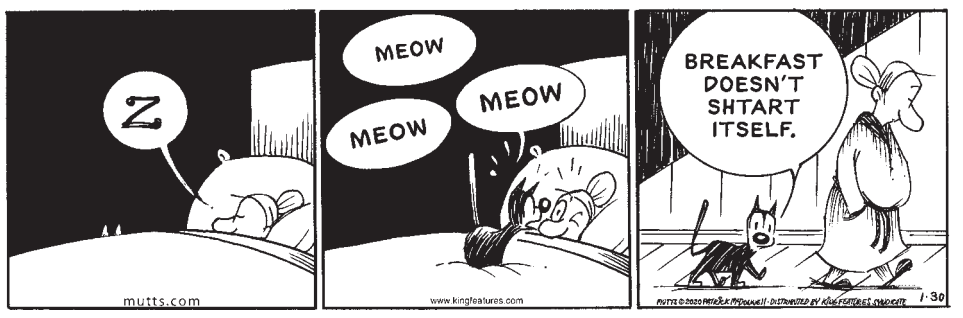
CATS HAVE BEEN "GHOSTING" LONG BEFORE GHOSTING WAS COOL.
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

THE SIX STAGES OF BLIZZARD MADNESS
#4: MADNESS
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THE BLIZZARD HAS ONLY KEPT US INSIDE FOR THREE HOURS AND I'M ALREADY LOSING IT. I MEAN, YOU EVER NOTICE HOW WE CAN NEVER SEE ANY PART OF THE HOUSE WE'RE NOT IN? LOOK A FEW FEET IN ANY DIRECTION. IT'S JUST...
WHAT DO YOU...WAIT. WHY DON'T I HAVE A SENSE OF WHERE THE KITCHEN IS? WHY DO I FEEL WALLED IN SOMEHOW? DO WE ONLY EXIST WITHIN THIS BOX?! DO WE ONLY EXIST IF WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGED?!
PEOPLE, PEOPLE, RELAX. REALITY IS BUT A SHARED ILLUSION. SO IF WE ALL THINK REAL HARD, WE CAN SEE THE REST OF THE HOUSE. AND DRAGONS!
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Get outdoors!
Fishing • Hunting
Wildlife sightings
Upcoming events
Saturdays in
The Herald-Palladium

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Primaries Ahead!

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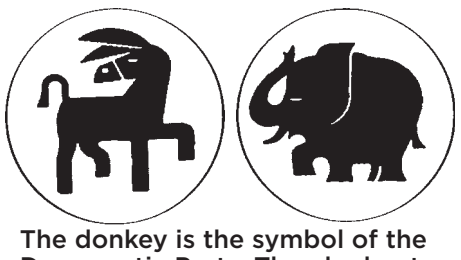
Mini Fact:
The political conventions will take place in July and August this year.

As we start the new year, Americans are already hearing a lot about candidates for president and their positions on different issues. People 18 and older have 10 months to decide who they will vote for as our next president.

The first official steps will be **primaries** and **caucuses**. These are state contests to decide who would be the best **candidate** for each party.

In addition, states choose **delegates** to attend political conventions later in the year and nominate the presidential candidate.

This year, the primary season begins with the Iowa caucuses, scheduled for Monday, Feb. 3.



The donkey is the symbol of the Democratic Party. The elephant is the symbol of the Republican Party.

Party time

A **political party** is a group of people who work to promote their ideals and candidates. While the states set down the election rules, political parties select the candidates who run. There are other parties, but most people vote for candidates of either the Democratic or Republican party.

Primary or caucus?

Political parties in each state hold elections to see which candidate within a party gets the most votes. Most states use primaries, or elections where voters use secret ballots.

Other states may use caucuses, gatherings where party members meet to choose their candidate. They may use a show of hands to vote, and they may meet in someone's home.

Other early elections

After Iowa on Feb. 3, other early primaries and caucuses will follow:

- New Hampshire primary, Feb. 11
- Nevada caucuses, Feb. 22
- South Carolina primary, Feb. 29

Who can be president?

A candidate for president must be:

- at least 35 years old.
- a natural-born citizen of the United States.
- a resident of the United States for 14 years.

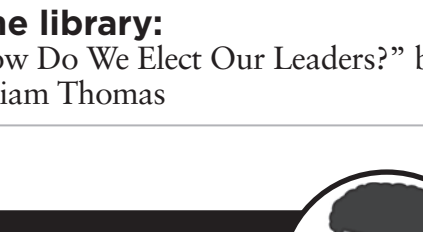
Who's running?

President Donald J. Trump

President Donald J. Trump is expected to be the Republican nominee for president. He was elected in 2016. According to the U.S. Constitution, he is allowed to serve one more four-year term.

Democratic challengers

This year, a large number of candidates are competing to be the Democratic nominee for president. At press time, there were 16 candidates for voters to consider. They include seven current or former members of Congress, three mayors and one governor, along with business leaders and a former vice president. Four women and five people of color are among the candidates.



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Debates

Have you or your family been watching any of the Democratic presidential debates on television? These events give the primary candidates a chance to tell voters about their positions on many issues.

After a Democratic candidate is named, that person and the Republican candidate will have one-on-one debates.

What would you ask?

If you were holding a debate among presidential candidates, what questions would you ask? Make a list, then compare your questions with those of classmates or family members.

Resources

On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPprimaries
- bit.ly/MPelections

At the library:

- "How Do We Elect Our Leaders?" by William Thomas

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of primaries are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

CANDIDATE, CAUCUS, CITIZEN, CONVENTION, DEBATE, DELEGATE, DEMOCRATIC, ELECTION, IDEALS, IOWA, NOMINEE, PARTY, POLITICAL, PRESIDENT, PRIMARY, REPUBLICAN, TERM, VOTERS.

S	J	L	N	O	M	I	N	E	E	P	V	H	T	E
U	N	O	I	T	C	E	L	E	R	M	D	V	Z	T
C	N	E	Z	I	T	I	C	E	V	T	E	R	M	A
U	S	L	A	E	D	I	S	P	A	R	T	Y	E	G
A	R	I	N	A	C	I	L	B	U	P	E	R	T	E
C	E	O	V	J	D	P	O	L	I	T	I	C	A	L
F	T	W	S	E	T	A	D	I	D	N	A	C	B	E
I	O	A	N	J	P	R	I	M	A	R	Y	Q	E	D
J	V	T	C	O	N	V	E	N	T	I	O	N	D	T
Z	D	E	M	O	C	R	A	T	I	C	Y	U	S	B

Cook's Corner

Peach Berry Smoothie

You'll need:

- 1 cup strawberries
- 2 cups frozen peaches
- 8 ounces low-fat plain yogurt
- 1 cup fruit juice (any flavor)

What to do:

1. Wash strawberries and cut up berries and peaches into chunks.
2. Place all ingredients in a large blender.
3. Process until smooth and creamy. Makes 4 servings.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. writer of a book (6)_____
2. Steph Curry's game (10)_____
3. make (5)_____
4. nothing (4)_____
5. noisy black bird (4)_____
6. brave (8)_____
7. estimate (5)_____

RO	RL	BUI	ESS
BALL	GU	KET	OW
FEA	ZE	AUT	ESS
BAS	CR	LD	HOR

Answers: author, basketball, build, zero, crow, fearless, guess.

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Mini Jokes

Lindsey: Where did the music student leave his keys?
Leon: On the piano!

Eco Note

It's important that we learn to take care of the planet to preserve our resources for the future. This is known as **sustainability**. Earth has plenty of food, water, timber and minerals. But these resources aren't limitless. If we take too much now, there will be less in the future. For example, 30% of all the food produced each year is thrown away uneaten. Sustainability means using natural resources carefully, to preserve stocks for the future.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper to find out when the next presidential debate will be.

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Cubs' Kris Bryant loses service-time grievance

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kris Bryant has lost his service-time grievance against the Chicago Cubs, providing some clarity for the team and the All-Star third baseman with spring training on the horizon.

Two people with direct knowledge of the situation confirmed the decision on Wednesday. They spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because arbitrator Mark Irvings had not announced his ruling.

The grievance had hovered over Chicago throughout its quiet offseason. The decision means the 28-year-old Bryant has two years left before he is eligible for free agency, instead of becoming a free agent after the 2020 season.

Now that Bryant's status is settled, the Cubs might decide to trade the 2016 National League MVP for financial flexibility and an injection of talent for their sagging minor league system. They also could keep the talented slugger in hopes of winning the wide-open NL Central for the third time in five years.

Bryant is slated to make $18.6 million this season after he avoided arbitration by agreeing to a one-year contract on Jan. 10. The first full-squad workout for the Cubs is scheduled for Feb. 17.

ESPN was the first to report the service-time decision.

Bryant starred at the University of San Diego before he was selected by Chicago with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2013 amateur draft.

He rocketed through the Cubs' farm system and made his major league debut on April 17, 2015. That timing left him able to accrue 171 days of major league service that season, one day shy of a full year of service. In his grievance, the Las Vegas native contended he was held in the minors in a deliberate effort to delay free-agent eligibility, which requires six years of major league service, and the Cubs' action violated baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

Bryant hit .275 with 26 homers and 99 RBIs in his first season, helping Chicago make the playoffs for the first time since 2008 and winning the NL Rookie of the Year award. He hit 39 homers and scored an NL-high 121 runs in 2016, leading the Cubs to their first World Series championship since 1908.

Bryant batted .282 with 31 homers, 77 RBIs and 108 runs last year, but Chicago finished third in the division and missed the playoffs. He was hampered by right knee soreness for part of the summer, and then missed the end of the season with a sprained right ankle.

Carlos Osorio / AP

Michigan State guard Cassius Winston (5) passes as Northwestern forward Miller Kopp (10) defends during the first half of Wednesday's game.

Cruising into first

Michigan State rolls past Northwestern, takes sole possession of Big Ten lead

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Cassius Winston was sluggish and looked out of sorts, turning the ball over more than he was making shots.

Michigan St. 79 Northwestern 50

The senior star turned it around in the second half and finished with 18 points to lead No. 14 Michigan State in a 79-50 win over Northwestern on Wednesday night.

In the end, though, Winston had at least five turnovers for the third time in five games to overshadow his scoring.

"Cassius has to play better," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. "There's nothing wrong with missing shots, but some of those turnovers are not like him."

Winston was 2 of 7 in the first half and finished 6 of 12, including 4 of 7 on 3-pointers.

"We had a slow start because we couldn't get shots to fall," Winston said after visiting with family in the stands and posing for pictures with fans on the court. "When that happens, it looks slow out there. We did a good job on defense and that led to us getting our offense going."

The Spartans (16-5, 8-2 Big Ten) moved into sole possession of first place in the conference. The lead may last only a day because No. 19 Illinois has a chance to pull into a tie Thursday night at home against Minnesota.

Michigan State had balance on offense the entire game and outscored its overmatched opponents 46-28 in the second half. The Spartans had a 44-27 edge on the boards, giving them 14 second-chance points.

Xavier Tillman had 12 points, eight rebounds, four assists, three steals and two blocks for the Spartans. Teammate Foster Loyer scored 12 points and matched a career high with four 3-pointers.

Five other Spartans scored at least six points.

Pat Spencer scored 11 points for the last-place Wildcats (6-14, 1-9) and was their only double-digit scorer in a game they never led after being relatively competitive in games recently.

"We see this as a setback because we've been making a lot of progress the last few weeks," Spencer said.

BIG PICTURE

Northwestern: The young Wildcats have lost five straight and 10 of 11 and there's no relief in sight for the last-place team in the conference in a balanced Big Ten.

"We're playing seven or eight guys and six of them are freshmen and sophomores," coach Chris Collins said. "Sometimes, you get exposed in this league and hopefully you don't more often than not."

Michigan State: A sluggish start led to a modest halftime lead, but Izzo likely said enough to motivate the team at halftime to spark the rout.

"Where we are now will not get us anywhere close to where we need to be," Izzo said.

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Mooney propels Notre Dame past Wake Forest

By JOHN FINERAN
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — John Mooney regained his double-double touch and T.J. Gibbs scored a team-high 23 points as Notre Dame held off Wake Forest in the second half Wednesday for a 90-80 Atlantic Coast Conference victory.

Notre Dame 90 Wake Forest 80

Mooney, who had 12 double-doubles in a row before Florida State held him to five rebounds in an 85-84 ACC loss Saturday, finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds after a slow start as Mike Brey's Fighting Irish (12-8, 3-6 ACC) broke a two-game losing streak and won their first ACC game this season at Purcell Pavilion.

Reserve Nate Laszewski scored a season-high 18 points and fellow reserve Dane Goodwin 14 as the Irish bench outscored the Demon Deacons, 32-23.

Robert Franklin / AP

Notre Dame's John Mooney (33) goes up for a shot between Wake Forest's Jahcobi Neath (4) and Ismael Massoud (25) during the first half of Wednesday's game.

Brandon Childress, who missed Wake Forest's overtime loss Sunday to Virginia with a leg injury, returned to score a game-high 24 points. Seven-foot center Olivier Sarr scored 18 points despite foul trouble and Isaiah Mucius added 13 for Danny Manning's Demon Deacons (9-11, 2-8) who lost their third straight.

Notre Dame shot a torrid 53 percent in the second half (17-for-32) while forging a 12-point lead, 68-56, with 8:45 remaining. But the Demon Deacons closed to within 77-74 with 3:35 forcing Brey to call a timeout. A 3-pointer by Laszewski and a three-point play by Gibbs helped the Irish hold off the Demon Deacons.

Childress scored 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting in the first half as the Demon Deacons took a 41-36 halftime lead. Coming off a 65-63 overtime loss to Virginia, Wake Forest hit eight of its first 11 shots (73 percent) before finishing at 53 percent (16 of 30).

Mooney, who entered the game with 15 double-doubles, didn't have a rebound until 9:58 remained in the first half and got his first basket 19 seconds later. He finished with eight points

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Lakers return to practice amid grief over Kobe's death

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The Los Angeles Lakers ended practice with a few somber, almost plaintive laughs. As they left the court, they all passed under the oversized 8 and 24 outlined in white on the black wall above the door to their locker room.

Anthony Davis and several other Lakers paused and looked up at Kobe Bryant's two retired numbers for a moment before they moved forward.

The Lakers are still grieving and mourning Bryant's death Sunday in a helicopter crash along with his daughter, Gianna, and seven others. Los Angeles' players and coaches returned to work Wednesday at their training complex with a determination to keep Bryant and the victims in their thoughts while getting on with the business of basketball and life.

"We want to represent what Kobe was about, more than anything," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "We've always wanted to make him proud, and that's not going to be any different now."

Vogel, who joined the Lakers eight months ago, was the only person to speak to the media after the workout. The loss apparently was still too raw for the players, including superstars LeBron James and Davis, who played in the Olympics with Bryant.

Although Bryant retired in 2016, he is still enormously important to his franchise and his sport. Ever since the Lakers drafted the 17-year-old guard from suburban Philadelphia in 1996, Bryant had been a face of this franchise and a basketball-mad city while he became a five-time NBA champion and his team's career leader in points and games played.

The current Lakers are still grappling with the loss while they prepare for their next game Friday night at Staples Center against Portland.

"We've become a family in a very short time," Vogel said of the Lakers' roster, which features only one player who suited up with Bryant. "It's something that we talk about in the NBA with your teams, but this group in particular has

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Nadal upset by Thiem at Australian Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Outplayed at his own brand of physical tennis for much of the match, Rafael Nadal finally claimed a set to try to start a comeback against Dominic Thiem.

Nadal marked the moment by hopping in a crouch at the baseline and vigorously pumping his right arm four times.

Soon, though, he was back in trouble. And eventually, his bid to tie Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slam titles by winning the Australian Open was over with a quarterfinal loss Wednesday to Thiem – a younger version of Nadal himself.

Thiem's 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (6) victory over the top-seeded Nadal lasted 4 hours, 10 minutes because of so many lengthy, electrifying points. One rather memorable one featured Thiem stumbling onto his backside before popping up and keeping the ball in play until Nadal made a mistake.

"He's playing with a lot of energy ... (and) determination. So well done for him," Nadal said. "I honestly didn't play a bad match."

Thiem reached his fifth major semifinal but first somewhere other than at the French Open, the place that is Nadal's domain.

Of more significance: The outcome ended Nadal's career-best streak of making at least the semifinals at seven consecutive Grand Slam tournaments, a span

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Dominic Thiem reacts after defeating Rafael Nadal in their quarterfinal match at the Australian Open on Wednesday.
LEE JIN-MAN / AP

IN BRIEF

Pistons can't stop Dinwiddie, Irving in loss to Nets

NEW YORK (AP) — Spencer Dinwiddie scored 28 points in his first game with his new jersey number, Kyrie Irving returned to the lineup to score 20 and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Detroit Pistons 125-115 on Wednesday night.

Irving didn't play Sunday at New York after learning of Kobe Bryant's death, and Dinwiddie, a Los Angeles native, was in tears after the game talking about what the Lakers star meant to him.

Dinwiddie changed his number from No. 8, one of the numbers Bryant wore, to No. 26 on Tuesday.

Irving was friends with Bryant and appeared to be in tears during a pregame tribute to the superstar, when Bryant's numbers 8 and 24 were lit up on the court and on the overhead video screen that showed the longtime Lakers star's highlights.

The Nets left two seats open with flowers on them at Barclays Center in honor of Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna, who were among the nine people killed in a helicopter crash Sunday.

The pair sat in those seats near Brooklyn's bench for a Dec. 21 game against Atlanta. Gianna was a fan of the Hawks' Trae Young.

Reggie Jackson scored 23 points during one the best games of his injury-plagued season and Derrick Rose had 22 for the Pistons, who have lost four straight.

Bulls fall to Pacers in Oladipo's return

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Victor Oladipo's only 3-pointer tied the score with 10 seconds left in regulation, and Malcolm Brogdon scored seven of his 15 points in overtime, helping the Indiana Pacers rally for a 115-106 victory over Chicago on Wednesday night.

Oladipo had nine points in his first game back since suffering a season-ending knee injury last January. T.J. Warren had 25 points to lead the Pacers, who have won eight of their last 10. Brogdon also had eight rebounds and nine assists.

Chandler Hutchinson finished with a career-high 21 points, while Zach LaVine added 20 for Chicago, which lost its eighth straight in the series.

The night belonged to Oladipo, who hadn't played since rupturing a quad tendon in his right last year.

AIRWAVES

Television today

6:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Saudi International, First Round. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Morocco Champions, First Round. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, First Round. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Maryland at Ohio State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **Women's College Basketball** Louisville at Notre Dame. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Gymnastics** Michigan at Nebraska. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** NC State at Clemson. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Minnesota at Illinois. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Nashville Predators at New Jersey Devils. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Iowa at Maryland. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Arizona at Washington. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Utah at USC. (Live) CC
10:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Colorado at UCLA. (Live)
3:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Saudi International, Second Round. (Live)
3:30 a.m. (ESPN) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Men's Second Semifinal. (Live) CC

Friday

9:30 a.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Morocco Champions, Second Round. (Live)
12:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **FIS Snowboarding** World Cup: Slopestyle. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Grand Prix. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Second Round. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **FIS Freestyle Skiing** World Cup: Halfpipe. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Grand Prix. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Notre Dame at Penn State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** VCU at Rhode Island. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Toronto Raptors at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** Baylor at Texas. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (50) **AHL Hockey** Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (26) **High School Basketball** West Ashley at Fort Dorchester. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Penn State at Iowa. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (Showtime) **Boxing** ShoBox: The New Generation. (Live) CC
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Portland Trail Blazers at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live)
3:30 a.m. (ESPN) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Women's Championship. (Live) CC
4:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Saudi International, Third Round. (Live)

Radio today

No local events scheduled.

Friday

5:45 p.m.
High school basketball — Lakeshore at Portage Central doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
7:15 p.m.
High school basketball — South Haven at Otsego (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

Jeff Roberson / AP

Kansas City's Tyreek Hill runs for a touchdown during the AFC Championship against the Tennessee Titans.

Sprint to success

Chiefs, 49ers feature speed worthy of an Olympic relay team

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — Tyreek Hill has plans for the speedy Kansas City receiving group after the Super Bowl.

"If I'm healthy and my mind is in the right place, I'd go try out for the Olympics, put together a relay," Hill said. "We'd show these track guys, 'Hey, we football players can do that, too.'"

Hill might only have been half-kidding but he'd sure have a speedy crew. Hill said he'd race with fellow receivers Mecole Hardman and Sammy Watkins, and cornerback Charvarius Ward in a relay team.

While that group might not be able to win a gold medal in Tokyo, it's enough to strike fear in opposing coaches.

"It almost looks like they got their roster from the Olympic relay team and threw them all on the football field," 49ers defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said. "Not to say they can't run routes and catch either, because they can do that. They're a special group and you can see why they're there."

The Chiefs bring the NFL's fastest group of wide receivers led by Hill and Hardman into the Super Bowl against a 49ers team featuring plenty of speedsters as well.

It's no accident that the league's two fastest offenses are playing for the championship on Sunday as offenses seek more and more to get playmakers the ball in space rather than just run it up the middle with brute force.

The Chiefs were the NFL's fastest team this season with ball carriers averaging a top speed of 13.34 mph, according to NextGen Stats compiled by SportRadar. The Niners were only a tick behind at 13.32 mph.

With so much speed on both sides maybe they could hold a 400-meter relay race in place of the opening coin toss.

"If we do line up for a relay, they'd probably win," Niners safety Jimmie Ward. "But one thing about it, this is football. There's such a thing as a helmet and shoulder pads. And we hit. We are very physical with how we hit."

The Niners have plenty of speed of their own led by running back Raheem Mostert, who was clocked with the fastest time of the season for the 49ers at 22.85 mph.

Mostert said if he was putting together a relay team he'd use the running back room with himself, Tevin Coleman, Matt Breida and Jeff Wilson Jr. Mostert, Breida and Coleman all ran the 40-yard dash leading up to their drafts under 4.4 seconds.

San Francisco's running backs led the league in average top speed with the ball with Breida's 22.3 mph on an 83-yard TD run against Cleveland the fastest time all season for a ball carrier. Mostert wasn't far behind when he hit 21.87 mph on a 36-yard TD run in the NFC title game against Green Bay.

Injured receiver Marquise Goodwin is faster than all of them, with a combine 40 time of 4.27 seconds. Goodwin competed in the 2012 Olympics as a long jumper and also is an accomplished sprinter.

The Chiefs speed is mostly at receiver where they led the league in average top speed with Hill posting the top mark of 22.81 mph when he chased down teammate Damien Williams after a long run to celebrate in the end zone.

Hardman is right there with Hill when it comes to speed, giving coach Andy Reid the deep threats he covets for his offense.

"I've only gone that fast like in a car, so I don't know how it feels other than that, but both those two are real fast guys," Reid said. "It gives you an opportunity to obviously stretch the field."

With so much speed on the field, it will put added pressure on the defenses to try to keep up.

That's not something that overly concerns Niners cornerback Richard Sherman, who has been one of the NFL's top cover cornerbacks since entering the league in 2011 despite a not-so-impressive 40 time at the combine of 4.56 seconds.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BOYS BASKETBALL

COUNTRYSIDE 68, COVERT 22

Countryside (68)
Gordon 12 4 2-2 12, Matlock 7 0-0 15, Morris 3 3-3 9, Rollins 2 0-0 5, E. Smith 2 2-4 7, Buchanan 2 0-0 4, Allen 2 0-0 4. Alexander 1 0-0 2, Brown 3 2-3 8, Powell 1 0-2 2.
Covert (22)
Wilson 1 1-2 3, Darling 7 1-1 16, Vaughn 1 1-2 3.

Covert	**9**	**3**	**3**	**8 — 22**
Countryside	**10**	**24**	**26**	**8 — 68**

3-point goals – Countryside 2 (Gordon 2). Total fouls – Countryside 13, Covert 12. Technical fouls – None. Fouled out – None.
Records – Countryside 3-4 BCS WHite, 3-5; Covert 0-8 BCS White, 0-10.

BOYS BOWLING

COLOMA 28, PARCHMENT 2

Team totals – Coloma 1782, Parchment 1572.
Baker games – Coloma 206, Parchment 130; Coloma 164, Parchment 136.
Coloma individuals (2 games) – Charlie Cullitan 381, Ryan Wilson 383, Damian Gomez 410.
Parchment individuals – Jacob Bielski 333, Ryab Gillespie 299, Logan VanDyke 280, Bailey Willard 324, Austin Nadwernik 336.

WRESTLING

LAKESHORE 60, MATTAWAN 17

103 – Taylor Lucas (L) d. Thomas Nutter 14-7; 112 – Cameron Litaker p. Landon Osborne-Berthroud 0:43; 119 – Colby Klinger (M) t.f. Bailey DeLaTorre 15-0; 125 – Aaron Lucio p. Logan Lewandowski 1:49; 130 – Jonathan Gelesko p. Sebastian Gleason (M) 0:22; 135 – Micah Hanau (L) p. Nathan Coons 1:16; 140 – Shane Williams (L) by forfeit; 145 – James Harris (L) by forfeit; 152 – Connor Noonan p. Antonio Castillo 0:31; 160 – Anthony Williams (M) p. Daniel Vaughn 0:54; 171 – Tafara Rukunda (L) p. Griffin Drown 2:51; 189 – James Campbell (M) p. Diego Avello 1:53; 215 – Zeke Rohl (L) p. Justin West 1:56; 285 – Malachi Bell d. Aidan Calderon 10-5.

ST. JOSEPH 49, PORTAGE NORTHERN 30

103 – Nolan Wertanen (SJ) by forfeit; 112 – Collin Staneart (SJ) p. Jared Lovell 6:30; 119 – Jack Sherman (SJ) m.d. Luke Briden 11-2; 125 – Ammar Khaiara (PN) p. Rinehart Bennett 2:53; 130 – Jacob Halsey (SJ) p. Samantha Elder 0:45; 135 – Gabe Soler (SJ) d. David Lopez 6-4; 140 – Yazan Farhan p.(SJ) Yazan Ghulzan 3:33; 145 – William Prowse (PN) p. Ben Betita 1:15; 152 – Kenyon Brock (PN) p. James Behrman 3:56; 160 – Jet Toepfer (PN) p. Brandon Jones 3:28; 171 – Matthew Morris (SJ) p. Grant Tooley 1:11; 189 – Drake Collins (SJ) by forfeit; 215 – Joey Sicurello (SJ) p. Kyle McMaster 1:00; 285 – Jadon McIntosh (PN) p. Cameron Hurskin 1:08.

NILES 75, PORTAGE CENTRAL 3

103 – Michael Robles (N) p. Zachary Koenig 1:22; 112 – Jamison Zimmerman (N) d. Blake Paige 10-3; 119 – James Pegan (N) p. Clayton Bacon 2:33; 125 – Blake Mann (N) p. Joseph Keiser 1:33; 130 – Carson landon (N) by forfeit; 135 – Ryan Franco (N) by forfeit; 140 – Javond Ball (N) by forfeit; 145 – Skylar Means (N) by forfeit; 152 – Kade Wagley (N) p. Logan Stuckhardt 1:29; 160 – Connor Tibbitts (N) by forfeit; 171 – Jesus Magno-Garcia (N) by forfeit; 189 – Darian Sosa (N) p. Annie Keenan 0:53; 215 – Connor Warner (PC) d. Chase Andres 7-2; 285 – Caiden Smith (N) p. Ethan Boot 0:49.

BRANDYWINE 54, COMSTOCK 24

103 – Double void; 112 (B) Drake Heath (B) by forfeit; 119 – Jacob Rooney (C) p. Tucker Vaughn 3:42; 125 – Aaron Lauri (B) p. Stanley Young 1:28; 130 – Mathew Cox (B) d. Markeyis Boland 8-5; 135 – Domenic Putti (C) by forfeit; 140 – Alex Johnson (B) by forfeit;
145 – Hunter Heath (B) p. Duncan Cunningham 1:08; 152 – Gage Hoskin (B) p. Mason Meach 0:30; 160 – Jesse Marlin (B) p. Logan Saokho 0:43; 171 – Brandon Bavin (C) p. Ivory McCollough 5:21; 189 – Ben McKee (B) p. Elijah Cote 0:23; 215 – Cruz Sanchez (B) p. Prabjit Singh 0:20; 285 – Robert Sivley (C) p. Cael Vansandt 0:12.

BRANDYWINE 57, PARCHMENT 18

103 – Drake Heath (B) by forfeit; 112 – Mathieu Veach (B) p. Nick Harrison 0:45; 119 – Dylan McLean (P) Tucker Vaughn 3:51; 125 – Aaron Lauri (B) p. Noah Krohn 0:40; 130 – Mathew Cox (B) p. Tucker McIntyre 3:42; 135 – Double void; 189 – Killian Czeriniak (P) p. Ben McKee 1:59; 215 – Parker Sackett (P) p. Cruz Sanchez 3:16; 285 – Cael Vansandt (B) d. Blake Hatcher 5-2.

COLOMA 48, DELTON KELLOGG 36

103 – Gage Vincent (DK) p. Delray Williams 1:02; 112 – Caeleb Ishmael (C) p. Hunter Andlovich 1:20; 119 – Logan Ferguson (C) by forfeit; 125 – Jayden Orns (DK) p. Mason Current 0:21; 130 – Blaine Sutherland (C) p. Charles Young 0:17; 135 – Aman Smith (DK) by forfeit; 140 – Braiden Goldner (C) by forfeit; 145 – Seth McQuillan (C) over Pacale Houssenaine 3:41; 152 – Alec DeLaTorre (C) by forfeit; 160 – Ian Ishmael (C) p. Matthias Homolla 2:13; 171 – Alan Roges (DK) p. Aaron Pounders 2:35; 189 – Hunter Belew (DK) by forfeit; 215 – Caden Ferris (DK) p. Travis Borr 1:21; 285 – Cole Alsup (C) by forfeit.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

MichiganGrappler.com rankings
TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS
(Area wrestlers only)
Division 2
103 – 1. Mike Robles (Niles), 2. Nolan Wertanen (St. Joseph).
112 – 4. Jordan Zimmerman (Niles), 6. Cameron Litaker (Lakeshore).
119 – 7. Aaron Lucio (Lakeshore).
125 – 4. Jake Halsey (St. Joseph).
130 – 5. Micah Hanau (Lakeshore).
135 – 2. Shane Williams (Lakeshore), 9. Ryan Franco (Niles).
140 – 6. Javond Ball (Niles).
145 – 8. Jacob Reece (Edwardsburg), 10. Kade Wagley (Niles).
215 – 9. Zeke Rohl (Lakeshore).
Division 3
103 – 8. Jordan Simpson (Dowagiac).
112 – 7. Caeleb Ishmael (Coloma).
130 – 9. Jackson Kanniainen (Paw Paw).
135 – 10. Jason Rocz (Paw Paw).
140 – 5. Hunter Heath (Brandywine), 8. William Bradley (Paw Paw).
152 – 10. Trevor Winkel (South Haven).
285 – 5. Wyatt Bailey (Dowagiac), 9. Cole Alsup (Coloma).
Division 4
135 – 8. Romeo Lopez (Decatur).
140 – 4. Landyn VanWyk (Lawton).
152 – 10. Hunter Underwood (Gobles).
160 – 10. Aaron O'Donnell (Lawton).
171 – 2. Jared Checkley (Decatur).
TOP 10 TEAMS
Division 1 – 1. Detroit Catholic, 2. Davison, 3. Brighton, 4. Hartland, 5. Temperance Bedford, 6. Holt, 7. Rockford, 8. Clarkston, 9. Westland John Glenn, 10. Macomb Dakota.
Division 2 – 1. Lowell, 2. Gaylord, 3. Whitehall, 4. DeWitt, 5. Eaton Rapids, 6. Warren Woods Tower, 7. Lakeshore, 8.Muskegon Reeths Puffer, 9. Niles, 10. Jackson Northwest.
Division 3 – 1. Dundee, 2. Richmond, 3. Alma, 4. Montrose, 5. Lakewood, 6. Chippewa Hills, 7. Fremont, 8. Birch Run, 9. Yale, 10. Shepherd.
Division 4 – 1. Clinton, 2. New Lothrop, 3. Hudson, 4. Manchester, 5. Carson City, 6. Hart, 7. Pine River, 8. Mendon, 9. Leslie. 10. Bronson.

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL
WED. 6:30 P.M. MIXED – DJ Pepple 698 (300), Tim Mummaw 660, James Mummaw 655, Michael Hendrixson 650, Milton McGee 639, Amber Fleisher 619 (234), Gina Gitchell 619, Heather Garrison 511.
EMIL SCHRAMM MEMORIAL – Billy Hendrixson 754 (278), Jason Utter 750 (268), Gup Taylor 738 (258), Billy Froberg 729 (268), Aarin Zelmer 719 (260), Dave Matheny 708 (258), Chris Milligan 706, Mike Duensing 695 (266), Dave Lange 690 (253), Ken Conrad 689.
THURSDAY A.M. LADIES – Michelle Sremba (204).
MILLER LADIES – Alanna Swetay 669 (262), Vanessa Brigham 577 (208), Starla Swetay 556, Sandy Villwock 525 (200), Dianna Evans (515 (200). Team score: Swetay/Swetay 1225 (438).
WEDNESDAY MORN. MIXED – Matt Hendrixson 740 (257), Scott Harrison 708 (265), Marc Rankin 685 (247), Dae Dae Coleman 650, Sonya Jackson 467 (186), Kim Keith 444. Team score: 2,216 (752).
WED. MORN. FUN – Sharon Geisler 548, Donna Bender 489, Harriet Hackbart 476, Vi Stark 429, Eileen Chapman 426, Mary Kelley 412, Heather Garrison 408. Team score: The Has-Beens 1860 (475).
LAKESHORE LANES
LAKESHORE LADIES LEAGUE – Amy Rochefort 571 (219), Sue Holland 552 (214), Laura Bishop 550, Connie Koth 541 (228), Carolyn Fanslau 540, Jennifer Gardner 534, Stephanie Zdanis 526, Kathy Pallas 507, Melanee Mangold 505. Team score: Bowling B's 2088 (724).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Girls basketball
Brandywine at Berrien Springs, 7
Buchanan at Bridgman, 7:30
Countryside at New Buffalo, 7:30

Friday
Boys basketball
Portage Northern at St. Joseph, 7
Lakeshore at Portage Central, 7
Mattawan at Niles, 7
Covert at Lawrence, 7
Dowagiac at Sturgis, 7:15
South Haven at Otsego, 7:15
Bridgman at Buchanan, 7:30
New Buffalo at Countryside, 7:30
River Valley at Howardsville Christian, 7:30
Berrien Springs at Brandywine, 7:30
Watervliet at Fennville, 7:30
Coloma at Martin, 7:30
White Pigeon at Decatur, 7:30
Eau Claire at Marcellus, 7:30
Hartford at Centreville, 7:30
Bangor at Bloomingdale, 7:30
Redhawk Showcase at GR Union
Benton Harbor vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 5
Girls basketball
Portage Northern at St. Joseph, 5:45
Lakeshore at Portage Central, 5:45
Mattawan at Niles, 5:45
Dowagiac at Sturgis, 6
South Haven at Otsego, 6
New Buffalo at Countryside, 6
Covert at Lawrence, 6
River Valley at Howardsville Christian, 6
Watervliet at Fennville, 6
Coloma at Martin, 6
White Pigeon at Decatur, 6
Eau Claire at Marcellus, 6
Hartford at Centreville, 6
Bangor at Bloomingdale, 6

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's men's scores
EAST
Albany (NY) 67, UMBC 63
Army 68, Bucknell 59
Boston U. 92, Loyola (Md.) 77
Dayton 73, Duquesne 69
George Washington 107, Davidson 104
Hartford 73, Binghamton 57
Lafayette 80, Colgate 78
Navy 81, Holy Cross 66
Penn St. 64, Indiana 49
Saint Louis 77, La Salle 76
Seton Hall 64, DePaul 57
St. Bonaventure 62, Fordham 55
St. Peter's 66, Monmouth (NJ) 63
Stony Brook 84, Mass.-Lowell 76
UConn 78, Temple 63
UMass 91, Saint Joseph's 76
Vermont 56, New Hampshire 43
SOUTH
Chattanooga 92, Samford 84
Furman 74, VMI 72
Houston 69, East Carolina 59
Kentucky 71, Vanderbilt 62
LSU 90, Alabama 76
McNeese St. 80, Nicholls 74
Memphis 59, UCF 57
Mercer 71, ETSU 55
Northwestern St. 82, New Orleans 74
South Florida 66, Tulane 52
UNC-Greensboro 72, W. Carolina 58
Wofford 79, The Citadel 56
MIDWEST
Baylor 67, Iowa St. 53
Bradley 80, Valparaiso 69
Illinois St. 77, Evansville 66
Indiana St. 58, Drake 56
Kansas St. 61, Oklahoma 53
Michigan St. 79, Northwestern 50
N. Iowa 95, Missouri St. 66
Notre Dame 90, Wake Forest 80
S. Illinois 68, Loyola of Chicago 63
SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 88, SE Louisiana 68
Incarnate Word 84, Houston Baptist 82
S. Dakota St. 76, Oral Roberts 61
Sam Houston St. 80, Texas A&M-CC 61
South Carolina 79, Arkansas 77
Stephen F. Austin 71, Abilene Christian 61
Texas 62, TCU 61
Texas Tech 89, West Virginia 81
FAR WEST
Boise St. 99, San Jose St. 71
San Diego St. 85, New Mexico 57

MICHIGAN ST. 79, NORTHWESTERN 50

NORTHWESTERN (6-14)
Beran 2-7 4-4 8, Spencer 5-8 0-0 11, Buie 2-9 0-0 5, Turner 3-7 0-0 6, Kopp 1-8 4-5 7, Nance 0-3 0-0 0, Young 4-8 0-0 8, Jones 2-4 1-1 5, Greer 0-0 0-0 0, Malnati 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-54 9-10 50.
MICHIGAN ST. (16-5)
Tillman 4-6 3-3 12, Winston 6-12 2-2 18, Henry 2-9 1-1 6, Brown 3-6 0-0 7, Hall 2-4 2-2 6, Loyer 4-6 0-0 12, Bingham 2-4 3-4 7, Watts 1-7 0-0 2, Kithier 0-3 0-0 0, Ahrens 1-2 0-0 3, Marble 2-3 2-2 6, George 0-0 0-0 0, Hoiberg 0-1 0-0 0, Izzo 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-63 13-14 79.
Halftime—Michigan St. 33-22. 3-Point Goals—Northwestern 3-19 (Spencer 1-2, Buie 1-5, Kopp 1-6, Beran 0-1, Jones 0-1, Nance 0-1, Turner 0-3), Michigan St. 12-30 (Loyer 4-6, Winston 4-7, Ahrens 1-2, Henry 1-2, Tillman 1-2, Brown 1-4, Hall 0-1, Marble 0-1, Watts 0-5). Rebounds—Northwestern 25 (Beran 6), Michigan St. 34 (Tillman 8). Assists—Northwestern 10 (Spencer, Turner, Nance 2), Michigan St. 21 (Tillman, Henry, Loyer 4). Total Fouls—Northwestern 15, Michigan St. 14. A—14,797 (16,280).

NOTRE DAME 90, WAKE FOREST 80

WAKE FOREST (9-11)
Childress 7-14 9-10 24, Johnson 1-4 0-0 2, Mucius 5-11 2-2 13, White 3-7 2-3 9, Sarr 7-13 4-6 18, Neath 1-4 0-0 2, Oguama 2-3 0-0 4, Massoud 2-3 0-0 6, Wright 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-60 17-21 80.
NOTRE DAME (12-8)
Gibbs 7-13 6-6 23, Hubb 1-11 2-2 5, Mooney 6-15 7-7 19, Pflueger 2-3 1-2 7, Goodwin 6-11 1-1 14, Laszewski 6-8 3-4 18, Durham 1-2 2-3 4, Djogo 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 29-66 22-25 90.
Halftime—Wake Forest 41-36. 3-Point Goals—Wake Forest 5-14 (Massoud 2-2, Childress 1-3, White 1-3, Mucius 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Neath 0-1), Notre Dame 10-26 (Laszewski 3-5, Gibbs 3-7, Pflueger 2-3, Goodwin 1-4, Hubb 1-4, Mooney 0-1, Djogo 0-2). Fouled Out—White. Rebounds—Wake Forest 33 (Childress, Sarr 6), Notre Dame 34 (Mooney 13). Assists—Wake Forest 14 (Childress 5), Notre Dame 15 (Gibbs, Pflueger 4). Total Fouls—Wake Forest 23, Notre Dame 17. A—6,402 (9,149).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	33	14	.702	—
Boston	31	15	.674	1½
Phila.	31	17	.646	2½
Brooklyn	20	26	.435	12½
New York	13	36	.265	21

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	32	15	.681	—
Orlando	21	27	.438	11½
Charlotte	16	31	.340	16
Washington	15	31	.326	16½
Atlanta	12	36	.250	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	41	6	.872	—
Indiana	31	17	.646	10½
Chicago	19	31	.380	23½
Detroit	17	32	.347	25
Cleveland	13	35	.271	28½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	29	17	.630	—
Dallas	29	18	.617	½
Memphis	24	24	.500	6
San Antonio	21	26	.447	8½
New Orleans	19	29	.396	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	32	15	.681	—
Utah	32	15	.681	—
Oklahoma City	28	20	.583	4½
Portland	20	27	.426	12
Minnesota	15	32	.319	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	33	14	.702	3½
Phoenix	20	27	.426	16½
Sacramento	17	29	.370	19
Golden State	10	38	.208	27

Tuesday's Games
Phila. 115, Golden State 104
Charlotte 97, New York 92
Toronto 130, Atlanta 114
New Orleans 125, Cleveland 111
Boston 109, Miami 101
Memphis 104, Denver 96
Milwaukee 151, Washington 131
Phoenix 133, Dallas 104
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, ppd
Wednesday's Games
Indiana 115, Chicago 106, OT
Brooklyn 125, Detroit 115
Memphis 127, New York 106
San Antonio 127, Utah 120
Houston at Portland
Oklahoma City at Sacramento
Today's Games
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Phila. at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Boston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phila. at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

INDIANA 115, CHICAGO 106 (OT)

CHICAGO (106)
Dunn 3-3 0-0 6, Young 7-11 1-2 16, Kornet 3-4 0-0 6, LaVine 7-23 5-6 20, Satoransky 5-8 0-0 11, Felicio 4-5 3-5 11, Hutchison 10-14 1-2 21, Arcidiacono 1-2 0-0 2, Valentine 2-9 0-0 4, White 3-6 0-0 9. Totals 45-85 10-15 106.
INDIANA (115)
Sampson 3-5 0-0 6, Warren 10-15 3-4 25, Sabonis 5-12 5-8 15, Brogdon 7-11 0-2 15, Lamb 5-11 0-0 10, Bitadze 5-9 0-0 10, McDermott 3-8 2-2 8, J.Holiday 4-6 2-2 13, McConnell 2-4 0-0 4, Oladipo 2-8 4-4 9. Totals 46-89 16-22 115.

Chicago	**24**	**27**	**29**	**20**	**6 — 106**
Indiana	**25**	**30**	**25**	**20**	**15 — 115**

3-Point Goals—Chicago 6-33 (White 3-5, Satoransky 1-3, Young 1-4, LaVine 1-11, Hutchison 0-3, Valentine 0-5), Indiana 7-27 (J.Holiday 3-4, Warren 2-3, Brogdon 1-4, Oladipo 1-7, Lamb 0-3, McDermott 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 34 (Felicio 8), Indiana 46 (Sabonis 11). Assists—Chicago 26 (LaVine 9), Indiana 26 (Brogdon 9). Total Fouls—Chicago 17, Indiana 14. A—17,923 (20,000)

BROOKLYN 125, DETROIT 115

DETROIT (115)
Doumbouya 0-2 0-0 0, Snell 2-8 0-0 6, Drummond 5-16 2-6 12, Brown 3-5 0-0 6, Rose 9-15 3-3 22, Morris 7-9 0-0 15, Wood 5-8 10-11 20, Galloway 3-4 0-0 8, Jackson 8-14 3-5 23, Mykhailiuk 0-2 3-3 3. Totals 42-83 21-28 115.
BROOKLYN (125)
Harris 4-11 0-0 9, Prince 9-16 0-0 22, Allen 4-7 3-4 11, Irving 7-16 4-4 20, Temple 3-6 2-2 10, Chandler 1-5 2-3 5, Luwawu-Cabarrot 1-1 2-2 5, Musa 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan 2-2 0-0 4, Dinwiddie 8-13 8-11 28, LeVert 4-8 3-4 11. Totals 43-85 24-30 125.

Detroit	**30**	**38**	**25**	**22**	**— 115**
Brooklyn	**32**	**38**	**29**	**26**	**— 125**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 10-26 (Jackson 4-6, Galloway 2-2, Snell 2-7, Morris 1-2, Rose 1-2, Doumbouya 0-2, Mykhailiuk 0-2, Wood 0-2), Brooklyn 15-39 (Dinwiddie 4-8, Prince 4-8, Irving 2-5, Temple 2-5, Chandler 1-5, Harris 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 41 (Drummond 13), Brooklyn 37 (Jordan 8). Assists—Detroit 25 (Jackson, Rose 5), Brooklyn 26 (Dinwiddie 6). Total Fouls—Detroit 20, Brooklyn 19. A—14,275 (17,732)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	51	29	10	12	70	169	135
Tampa Bay	49	29	15	5	63	177	140
Florida	49	28	16	5	61	183	163
Toronto	51	27	17	7	61	186	170
Buffalo	50	22	21	7	51	147	157
Montreal	51	22	22	7	51	157	161
Ottawa	50	18	23	9	45	138	169
Detroit	51	12	35	4	28	109	199

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	51	34	12	5	73	185	151
Pittsburgh	50	31	14	5	67	168	136
N.Y. Islanders	49	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	51	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	50	29	18	3	61	159	132
Philadelphia	50	27	17	6	60	158	150
N.Y. Rangers	48	23	21	4	50	158	159
New Jersey	49	18	24	7	43	130	176

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	51	31	12	8	70	164	141
Colorado	49	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	50	28	18	4	60	131	127
Chicago	51	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	51	25	22	4	54	152	160
Nashville	49	23	19	7	53	163	163
Minnesota	50	23	21	6	52	156	166

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	50	28	18	4	60	165	150
Calgary	51	26	19	6	58	139	152
Edmonton	49	26	18	5	57	155	153
Arizona	51	26	20	5	57	146	138
Vegas	52	25	20	7	57	161	159
San Jose	51	22	25	4	48	134	169
Anaheim	49	19	25	5	43	124	154
Los Angeles	50	18	27	5	41	125	158

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Tuesday's Games
Ottawa 5, Buffalo 2
St. Louis 5, Calgary 4, SO
Wednesday's Games
Nashville 5, Washington 4
Toronto 5, Dallas 3
Arizona at Anaheim
Calgary at Edmonton
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles
Vancouver at San Jose
Today's Games
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Nashville at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

SPARTANS

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INJURY REPORT

Michigan State freshman Malik Hall left the game with an injury midway through the second half.

"He sprained his ankle a little bit," Izzo said.

Kyle Ahrens had three points and three assists, playing after missing three straight games and four of the previous five games with an Achilles tendon injury. He was welcomed back with a rousing ovation.

"When I went out there and heard everyone react, it meant the world to me," Ahrens said. "It's hard sitting out, especially in Year 5."

Izzo hopes Ahrens' body responds well to the eight-plus minutes of playing time.

"His problem is never right after the game, it's the next morning," Izzo said.

"He gives us something. He gives us experience. He gives us a guy who can knock down shots. He's a guy who gives us toughness. Getting him back to even 15 minutes a game would change a lot."

UP NEXT

Northwestern: Hosts Purdue (11-10, 4-6) on Saturday night.

Michigan State: Plays the short-handed Badgers (12-9, 5-5) on the road Saturday with Brad Davison serving a one-game suspension for a flagrant foul and Kobe King leaving the program to transfer.

"Regardless of who's there, it's going to be a tough game going to their gym," Loyer said.

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and six rebounds to lead the Irish, who hit just one of their first seven shots (14 percent) before finishing at 35 percent (12 of 34).

Mooney's 3-point play tied the game at 43-43 with 17:17 to go. He had his double-double with his 10th rebound with 16:52 left before Rex Pflueger hit a 3-pointer to give the Irish the lead, 46-45, with 16:32 remaining. Gibbs then hit three free throws to stretch the Irish lead to 49-45.

Then with Mooney and fellow big man Juwan Durham resting, the Irish stretched the lead to eight, 54-46, on a drive by Laszewski with 14:27 remaining. A Gibbs floater in the lane made it 60-51 with 11:31 when Manning called a timeout. Notre Dame eventually grew the lead to 68-56 with 9:56 left on a Gibbs 3-pointer.

BIG PICTURE

Wake Forest: The Demon Deacons, who entered the game hitting just 42 percent from the floor, were hot in the first half but couldn't maintain their accuracy, hitting just four of their first 10 shots in the second half while Notre Dame took control with a 24-10 run.

Notre Dame: The Fighting Irish entered the game just 2-6 in the ACC with five of the losses coming by five points or less – two by one point, including last Saturday's 85-84 loss at No. 5 Florida State that had Brey questioning the officiating and earning the school a $20,000 fine from the league.

UP NEXT

Wake Forest: Saturday home vs. Clemson.

Notre Dame: Saturday home vs. Georgia Tech.

TENNIS

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during which he earned three trophies.

"If you want to have a chance against him, one of the all-time greats, everything needs to work in your game," the fifth-seeded Thiem said.

The last time Nadal didn't get to the final four at a major? Also at the Australian Open, where he also went out in the quarterfinals two years ago before finishing as the runner-up to Novak Djokovic in 2019.

That was Nadal's fourth defeat in a final at Melbourne Park since he won his lone title at the place in 2009. He's won two at Wimbledon, four at the U.S. Open and 12 at the French Open.

Asked what he wished he'd done differently against Thiem, Nadal replied: "Win any tiebreak."

Thiem had been 0-5 against Nadal at the majors, including losses in the final at Roland Garros each of the past two years.

But this one was different. The defining statistic: Thiem won exactly twice as many points that featured nine or more shots, 24-12.

"Just an unbelievable match. Like, epic," Thiem said. "A very high level from both of us."

Thiem managed to hang in there with Nadal on physical baseline exchanges, trading groundstroke for groundstroke and picking the proper spots to move forward.

Or to describe it another way: Thiem was out-Nadal-ing Nadal, the ultimate grinder who never met a point that was too long or too grueling.

"Even from difficult positions," Nadal said, praising Thiem's quickness and power, "he was able to produce amazing shots."

Now Thiem will play No. 7 Alexander Zverev on Friday for a berth in the title match.

Zverev reached his first major semifinal anywhere by overcoming a terrible start Wednesday and putting together a 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 victory over three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka.

So instead of Nadal, 33, against Wawrinka, 34, it'll be Zverev, 22, against Thiem, 26, a couple of members of the new generation trying to collect a breakthrough Slam title.

"I think it's the first time I am playing a Grand Slam semifinal and I am the older player," Thiem said with a chuckle.

The first two sets Wednesday sets were remarkably similar: Nadal would go up by a break, then Thiem would break back and take it in a tiebreaker. The first lasted 67 minutes, the second 69.

Nadal was flustered by a warning from chair umpire Aurelie Tourte for a time violation, citing him for taking more than the allotted 25 seconds before serving. Nadal termed the call "amazing," complaining that the previous point was comprised of an exhausting 19 shots and so the clock shouldn't have started when it did (something which is at the chair umpire's discretion).

"You don't like the good tennis," he told Tourte. "You don't like the good tennis."

Later, he gave Tourte a sarcastic thumb's up after she told him he hesitated too long before trying to challenge a line call.

Thiem's biggest hiccups came as the end was near.

There was the break that ceded the third set, the one celebrated so enthusiastically by Nadal.

There was another break when Thiem served for the victory at 5-4 in the fourth but was undone by a series of jitters-induced mistakes. There were three off-the-mark forehands, with a double-fault mixed in for good measure.

"Such a really mentally tough situation," Thiem said. "Couldn't handle it."

Then, on his first match point, at 6-4 in the last tiebreaker, Thiem drove a leaping forehand into the net, then covered his face with his left hand.

His second match point came and went with a lob that landed long.

But Thiem did not fold there, getting a third opportunity to close it with a cross-court backhand that glanced off the tape – one of a handful of favorable net cords for him.

LAKERS

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really grown to love each other very rapidly, and we understand the importance and the opportunity we have this year. This has just brought us closer together."

Outside the Lakers' training complex, a temporary wall of remembrance has grown to nearly the entire length of the building, bookended on either side by large photos and colorful memorials to the Bryants. Fans have streamed through the security gates and up to the wall throughout the past three days, using markers to inscribe their thoughts and prayers on the white surface.

Bryant's death has temporarily overwhelmed an exciting season of rebirth for the Lakers, who have missed the playoffs for a franchise-record six straight years. The current Lakers are poised for a serious run at the franchise's 17th championship, with James and Davis leading a burgeoning powerhouse to the Western Conference's best record at 36-10.

But life and basketball have been put in a new perspective for everyone around the Lakers.

After their game against the Clippers on Tuesday night was postponed, the players and coaches gathered that afternoon to share stories and remembrances because it felt "therapeutic and beneficial," Vogel said.

"It's been something that has touched my family, being the father of daughters, and it's been very emotional," Vogel said. "It's something that brings us together. I'm around the people who were closest to Kobe throughout his time here, and it's been just a deeply saddening time for all of us."

Indeed, Bryant still had close ties to dozens of employees of the organization for which he played his entire 20-year career. Lakers owner Jeanie Buss was quite close to his family, and general manager Rob Pelinka was Bryant's longtime agent.

Only veteran Lakers center Dwight Howard played alongside Bryant in purple and gold, albeit briefly in their disappointing 2012-13 season. But almost everyone on Los Angeles' rebuilt roster played against Kobe, and they all knew and respected the most prolific scorer in Lakers history.

"He was the most feared man in the league for an entire generation," Vogel said. "His influence is found league-wide, in basketball league-wide, and the Lakers family worldwide."

The Lakers' two biggest stars had friendships with Kobe. James and Bryant were teammates on two U.S. Olympic teams, while Davis also was a young backup on the 2012 Olympic squad.

James wrote an emotional Instagram post about Bryant on Monday, saying: "I promise you I'll continue your legacy man! You mean so much to us all here ... and it's my responsibility to put this (team) on my back and keep it going!!"

Lakers reserve guard Quinn Cook is changing his jersey number from 2 to 28 to honor Kobe, who wore No. 8 for the first half of his NBA career, and Gianna, who favored a No. 2 jersey in her youth basketball career. The University of Connecticut placed a No. 2 jersey on its bench this week in honor of Gianna, who hoped to play for the basketball powerhouse.

Gianna Bryant's death clearly hurt the Lakers. Vogel and his wife have two young daughters.

"It's what your life is about," Vogel said. "Him being a father to daughters and being involved in

PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING JAN. 30

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 "Indoor Fireworks" (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy Bailey returns to work.		:01 A Million Little Things (N) CC	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	:31 The Unicorn	:01 Mom (N) CC	Car-ol's-Act	Evil "Book 27" ((F)) (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Super-store (N)	The Good Place ((SF)) Various conversations occur. (N)			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Out-matched	Deputy Paula is put in a tough position.		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Legends of Michiana		Father Brown "The Angel of Mercy"		Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 3) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Supernatural "The Gamblers" (N) CC		Legacies "What Cupid Problem?" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Grow"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Supernatural "The Gamblers" (N) CC		Legacies "What Cupid Problem?" (N)		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heart-land	Heartland Ty struggles. CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Bridge of Lies" (N) CC		Alaska PD "Love and Hate in Alaska"		:01 60 Days In (N) CC	
AMC	I Am Legend ('07)	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ('09, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel. CC					
Animal	Lone Star	:01 Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)				Lone Star Law	
BET	6:30 ★★ White Chicks			★★★ Friday ('95) Ice Cube. CC			
Big Ten	Wm. Basketball	College Basketball Iowa at Maryland. (N)					Postgame
Bravo	Project Runway Designers collaborate with an artist. CC			Project Runway The designers use sexy, sheer fabrics. (N)			Watch What
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	Fifty Shades	★★★ The Prestige ('06, Drama) Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale. CC				:15 ★★ The Predator ('18) CC	
CMT	Last Man	★★★ Meet the Parents ('00) Robert De Niro.					Joe Dirt
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Rescue	Homestead Rescue "Quake Shattered"		Reclaimed "Poor Man's Mine" (N)		Building Off the Grid CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage
E!	Cavallari	Very Cavallari CC		Very Cavallari (N)		The Biggest Loser	
ESPN	Women's College Basketball			30 for 30 (N) (Part 1 of 2)			
ESPN2	College Gymnastics	Boxing		College Basketball Arizona at Washington.			
ESPNC	:00 College Football			College Football From Dec. 2, 2010.			
Food	Restaur	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Women's College Basketball			Motorcycle Race		Snow	Big East
Freefrm	21 Jump Street	grown-ish (N) CC	Everything	The Bold Type "scarlet" (N) CC		grown-ish CC	Everything
FX	5:00 Logan	★★ Transformers: The Last Knight ('17) Mark Wahlberg. The war between Transformers and humans threatens Earth. CC					
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf Waste Management Phoenix Open, First Round.					
Hallmark	Appetite for Love	Love at the Shore ('17, Romance) Amanda Righetti, Peter Porte. CC				My Secret Valentine ('18) CC	
HBO	Scary Movie 3	Curb En-thusiasm	Curb En-thusiasm	:15 ★★ Shutter Island ('10) Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo. CC			
History	Swamp	Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		:03 Alone: The Beast	
HGTV	Flip	Flip	Flip	Christina	Christina	Flip	Flip
Learning	My Feet	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Feet-Killing Me	
Lifetime	:00 Super-nanny	Married at First Sight Some couples get off to a rocky start. (N) CC				Supernanny Children rule the roost. (N)	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Floribama	Floribama Shore (N)		Ex on the Beach (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Ninja Warrior		Ninja Warrior		Fight Sports: Boxing	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Total Access		NFL Players Only (N)		Super Bowl	
Nick	Loud	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Wild Tur	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Judy Flanagan" CC		Snapped "Rebecca Braswell" CC		Murdered by Morning "Last Call" CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ The Italian Job ('03) Mark Wahlberg. CC					Italian
Showtime	Shameless	★★ The Upside ('17, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Hart, Bryan Cranston. CC				:06 The L Word: Generation Q CC	
Starz	:00 ★★ Sicario: Day of the Soldado ('18) CC			:05 ★★★ Jackie Brown ('97, Crime Drama) Pam Grier, Samuel L. Jackson. CC			
STZENC	:07 ★★★ The Ghost and the Darkness ('96) CC			★★★ Born on the Fourth of July ('89) Tom Cruise, Willem Dafoe. CC			
SyFy	6:45 ★★ Ghost in the Shell ('17) Scarlett Johansson.			:05 ★★ Hancock ('08, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman. CC			
TBS	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	House of Wax ('53)	★★★ The Magnificent Seven ('60, Western) Yul Brynner, Eli Wallach. CC				:15 ★★ Return of the Seven	
TMC	They Remain ('17)	★★ The Mechanic ('11) Jason Statham, Ben Foster. CC			:35 ★★ Faster ('10, Action) Dwayne Johnson. CC		
TNT	Pregame	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Celtics					Basket
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU	★★ Bad Boys ('95) Martin Lawrence. Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.					Replacements
VH1	Hip Hop	Black Ink: Chicago		Black Ink: Chicago		Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC

Hostility from sister slows aunt's efforts to help niece

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm unsure about how to proceed with my niece. She is struggling with child-rearing and debt.

Twenty-five years ago, when she was 16, my sister "Nan" and her husband threw her out on the street. I took her in for two years. Until she graduated from high school, she lived with me and my two daughters. She reconciled with my sister at the time of her graduation. After that I backed off, trying to let Nan perform her role as mom.

I have had a bumpy road with my sister since then, but until a year ago, we were doing OK. Now Nan has declared all-out war on me, and nothing I do or say seems to make any difference. I think her issues are political, but she refuses to discuss them, so I can't be sure.

I have backed off from mothering my niece for many years. But she clearly needs some family support and guidance, which I am able to offer so she can get back on her feet. She's a wonderful woman who is raising two lovely children, but a serious illness is preventing her from providing long-term security for herself or her kids.

I no longer feel obligated to stay at arm's length from her, but am I wrong? Nan will view any support for her daughter as interference in her family, and I don't want to cause problems with their relationship. I no longer care about my relationship with my sister, which seems irreparable, but I don't want to put my niece in an awkward position. She truly needs the help that I am prepared to give. Any advice on what I should do? – Loving Auntie

DEAR AUNTIE: Your niece is fortunate to have such a caring aunt. You saved her life. Offer the help she needs; it's the right thing to do. If she's afraid it will damage her relationship with her mother, she is free to refuse it.

As to your relationship with your possibly unstable sister, defend yourself as much as possible from her attacks, keep your distance and do not attempt to heal your fractured family because you cannot fix what's wrong with her.

DEAR ABBY: Please do not publish my name or city. I'm a senior male in a six-year, happy relationship with a wonderful, understanding lady. But after decades of exploration and study, I have come to accept that I am nonbinary and/or gender fluid. My sexual expression – and orientation – shifts back and forth over time. This is far more than simply wearing ladies' underwear or craving sex with men.

I live in an extremely conservative, mid-sized city, where there is practically no acceptance of gays or lesbians, and intersex people are unheard of. There are no knowledgeable doctors, counselors or support groups anywhere nearby. It would be so comforting to find someone like myself to share these feelings with. Is it even possible? – Uncomfortably Quiet In The Midwest

DEAR QUIET: Have you searched online for the wealth of information on sexuality and gender identity? PFLAG, the excellent organization I have mentioned in my column before, has a chapter in your city, which has for many years provided support and information to LGBTQ individuals and their families. It will also guide you to other resources nearby. Please go to pflag.org and search on your geographical area. Trust me, if you do, you'll be glad you did.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

How to deal with father's sexist comments

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

HI CAROLYN: My 60-year-old dad, a widower of about three years, has started saying he wants a girlfriend. OK, sounds great; I would love for him to have companionship. What bothers me is the way he talks about his reasons for wanting to find this hypothetical girlfriend. For example, "I need to find a girlfriend so I can have a decent meal for once." Why not make himself a decent meal, you ask? Apparently that's woman's work. Or, "This place will be a lot neater once I find my girlfriend."

I never really thought of him as sexist before, but I am really put off both by the implication that he is dating to find live-in help, and what that suggests about his marriage to my late mom. I have never doubted how much he loved Mom, but I really hate listening to him talk this way. I can ask him to stop it, and he will, but do I have a right to try to fight back against the underlying attitudes? – **Bad Dad Joke**

Why don't you just ask, "OK, you want a cook and a housekeeper. What are you offering her in this deal?"

Curious to hear what he'd say.

If it's just more jokes then, yes, do speak up. "When you say things like that, I feel ____."

Re: Sexist father:

I think it's entirely possible he's just trying to joke about things so that she, the daughter, won't get upset that he's dating someone new. – **Anonymous**

Sounds promising, thanks – I hope she asks that, point-blank.

Re: Father:

Rather than making a snarky remark, it would be better to simply be honest and say the comments are hurtful and you hope your mom was more than a servant to him. If nothing else, that could spur a good conversation in which he'd learn the impact of his words, and you'd learn where he's really coming from. – **No Snark**

Re: Dad dating:

Any chance your dad is making these "jokes" because he is uncomfortable talking about his feelings – being lonely, wanting to have companionship, wanting sex, whatever? It may be his awkward way of deflecting the emotion. – **Re-Directing**

Ooh. Yes. This fits – especially since the men-can't-have-feelings prison dates, roughly, to the same social era as the women-are-suburban-housebots prison. Thank you.

DEAR CAROLYN: Should I move for a guy? I currently am not satisfied with my job, unhappy with it even. If I could find something more exciting and interesting, do you think I should move to his respective city? I am 23 and live in a much smaller city I think I have grown out of. I have a fear of potentially derailing my career or later regretting the decision. – **Unsatisfied**

Don't move for "a guy." Move because you're unsatisfied by where you are in life, for whatever reason, and you have good cause to believe a move would be an improvement – whether that improvement is about a guy, a job, a climate, an economy, a culture, a whim. It's about taking the reins, that's it – which is worth doing, even when it scares us witless. Good luck.

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4 Use a microwave
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23 Name in game shows
24 All, in combos
25 Evening
26 Honda products
27 Stork kin
28 "The Mammoth Hunters" heroine
29 Seines
31 Sprees
35 Truck stop sight
37 Is, to Fritz
38 Type of spray
39 Bulls and bucks
41 Sticky fruits
42 At any time
43 Easily split mineral
44 Holy image
45 Long spear
46 "Da" opposite
47 Spanish painter
50 Youngster
52 Bird's beak

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ZUGEA

TIARO

NMMTOE

SMOCIA

Here are the entrees.
I love dinner at the club.
Great! I'm hungry after that round.
I love their club sandwiches.
WHEN THEY DINED IN THE CLUBHOUSE AFTER A ROUND OF GOLF, THEY ENJOYED THE ---
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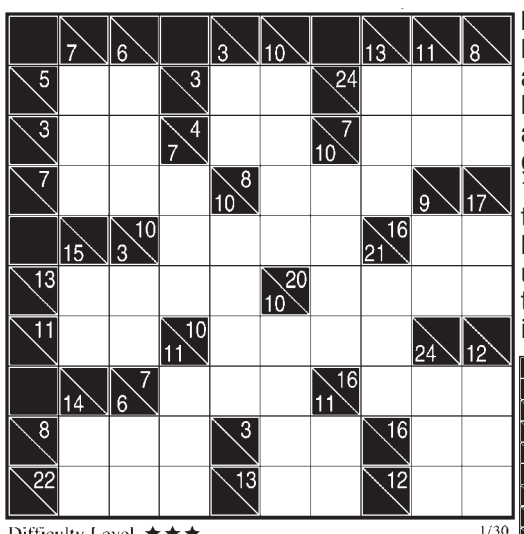
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

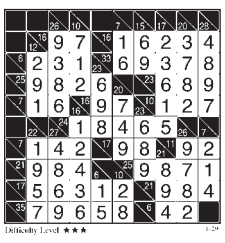
Yesterday's Jumbles: SINGE DAISY WITHIN FLAVOR
Answer: The carpenter was stuck in traffic instead of — DRIVING NAILS

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/30

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Epictetus, a Greek philosopher who died in A.D. 135, said, "The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputations from storms and tempests."

Epictetus was, of course, talking about boat pilots, airplanes being a few years in the future!

At the bridge table, anyone can draw trumps and cash winners to make a contract that is in no danger. But when the bidding and play get turbulent, the skillful players earn their wings.

What do you think of the auction to seven diamonds in today's deal? How did the captain handle the controls to land his contract safely after West led the club king?

The bidding was beautiful. South correctly opened in his longest suit, not in his major. Two clubs was fourth-suit game-forcing. Two spades simultaneously announced five spades and six diamonds, because with 5-5 South would have opened one spade, not one diamond. Three diamonds set the suit as trump. Four clubs was a control-bid indicating the ace. Four notrump was Roman Key Card Blackwood, the reply showing two key cards (either two aces or one ace and the trump king) and the trump queen.

At trick two, declarer carefully cashed the diamond ace. (A diamond to dummy's king costs the contract.) When he saw the 4-0 split, South unblocked dummy's spades, trumped a club in his hand and ruffed a low spade with the diamond king. Declarer played a diamond to his nine, drew East's remaining trumps and claimed. Smooth!

North 01-30-20
♠ A K
♥ A K 7 3
♦ K 5 4
♣ 8 6 3 2

West
♠ J 9 7 6
♥ 10 8 5 4 2
♦ —
♣ K Q 10 9

East
♠ 10 3
♥ Q J 9
♦ 10 8 7 3
♣ J 7 5 4

South
♠ Q 8 5 4 2
♥ 6
♦ A Q J 9 6 2
♣ A

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♦	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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				6				
				7	3	4		
	3			5	7		4	8
						2		7
7			6					9

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	2	5	7	8	6	9	3	4
4	6	7	3	5	9	8	1	2
3	9	8	1	2	4	6	5	7
6	8	3	2	9	7	5	4	1
7	5	1	4	3	8	2	9	6
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5	1	2	6	4	3	7	8	9
8	7	6	9	1	5	4	2	3

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Please be sure the letter includes:

Your Name, Address and Phone Number

Your reason for your interest in this position

A short biography of yourself

We will be accepting letters through February 21, 2020.
You can mail or drop off the letter to:
BHAS Central Administration
Attn: Susan West
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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Or you can send me this information via email at susan.west@bhas.org

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LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 2020-0028-DE-M

Estate of Karen Marie Smith-Paraf
Date of birth: 03/16/1956

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Karen Marie Smith-Paraf, died 01/03/2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barren unless presented to Corey L Paraf, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street St Joseph, Michigan 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 1/28/2020

Attorney:
Thomas R. Betker
511 Renaissance Drive, Suite 110
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-983-5777

Personal Representative:
Carey L. Paraf
13120 Old M11
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269-612-8177

LEGALS

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given by the City of St. Joseph, Michigan that an ordinance to amend in its entirety, Chapter 25, "Signs" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of St. Joseph, Michigan, was passed by the St. Joseph City Commission on January 27, 2020. A summary follows:

Chapter 25, "Signs" of the St. Joseph Code of Ordinances is amended in its entirety to update and expand definitions, regulations, and permit procedures for the construction, location, maintenance and removal of privately-owned temporary and permanent signs located on real property or a structure when visible from the public right-of-way, including updated administrative procedures, enforcement provisions and penalties.

This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after its final passage.

A true copy of the ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 700 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 and is available on the City website at https://sjcity.com/public-hub#charter-ordinances-codes-policies

DENISE WESTFALL,
City Clerk

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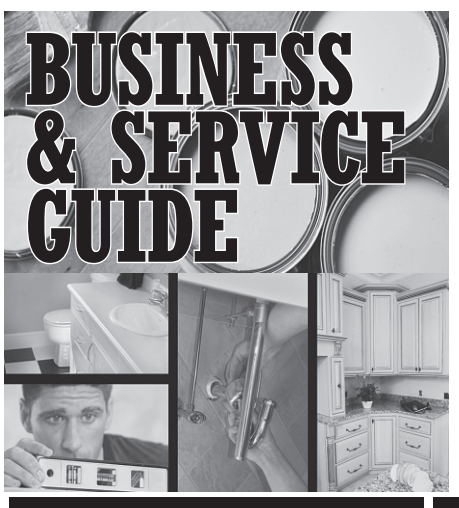

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BY EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Set common-sense priorities and a strict budget. How you handle time and money will determine how successful you are. Put what you want first instead of doing things for everyone else and falling short of your expectations. It's your year to shine, so dig in and do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Say what's on your mind. Nurture what and who is important to you. Deal with an opportunity skillfully. If you are impulsive or hesitant, you'll lose out. Timing is everything.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Evaluate your skills. A solid plan will help you tackle whatever comes your way. If you are active, innovative and positive, you will accomplish what you set out to do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Controversial topics should be avoided. Focus on doing something that will occupy your mind and challenge you physically. Maintaining balance and integrity will help you reach your goal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make a move. Contact someone who can contribute to a project you are trying to finish. Gossiping or wasting time on trivial matters will lead to disappointment. Romance is encouraged.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Socialize, network and plan to have fun, but don't share personal information. Use your charm to get what you want. Your friends will welcome your energetic input. Don't fall for a hyped-up pitch.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Look for the good in everyone and everything. Negativity will be your downfall, and productivity your key to success. Rearrange your household to fit your lifestyle. Aim for convenience and comfort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you listen to your subconscious, you'll know what to do next. Making a lifestyle change or picking up new skills or qualifications is favored. It's time to make a fresh start.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take care of domestic matters. Ease stress by engaging in something that helps you relax. Consider downsizing or making personal adjustments to help manage your schedule.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep the peace regardless of what others do or say. Take the high road, but don't neglect to follow your inner voice and satisfy your needs. Go about your business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Listen carefully and do whatever it takes to counter negativity. What you observe will lead to a lifestyle change that will give you more time for creativity and loved ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make plans that will improve how or where you live. Check out prospects and brush up on what you need to know to take advantage of an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep life practical and straightforward. Be careful who you deal with; not everyone will have the tools to live up to your expectations. Be prepared to do the work yourself.

Classifieds Make A Cash Connection!

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A brand new paint scheme was revealed this week for **Chase Elliott**'s Cup season. The No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet will sport a UniFirst look as its primary sponsor for three races: Phoenix Raceway in March, the All-Star Race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in May and the NASCAR Playoffs event at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in September. UniFirst will be an associate sponsor for Elliott in all other 2020 races.

Go online and check out thatsracin.com for the latest information and news on stock-car racing, updated daily.

2020 Busch (Daytona) Clash: Who'll be there?

The Busch Clash (Feb. 9, 3 p.m. ET on FS1) will return in 2020 as a 75-lap/187.5-mile exhibition. The field is limited to 2019 Busch Pole Award winners; past Busch Clash champions who competed full-time in 2019; former DAYTONA 500 champions who competed full-time in 2019; former Daytona 500 pole winners who competed full-time in 2019 and 2019 NASCAR Cup Series Playoff drivers.

Busch Beer returns as the title sponsor of the preseason Clash race at Daytona for the first time since 1997.

JONATHAN FERREY FOR NASCAR

Jimmie Johnson, driver of the #48 Ally Chevrolet, won the rain-shortened 2019 Clash, beating out 19 other drivers after the race was called with 15 of the 75 scheduled laps remaining. Paul Menard led most of the day, but Johnson took advantage after a massive collision on the 55th lap. A third rain stoppage was enough to end the race early. Top 10: 1. Johnson; 2. Kurt Busch; 3. Joey Logano; 4. Ryan Blaney; 5. Alex Bowman; 6. Austin Dillon; 7. Chase Elliott; 8. Aric Almirola; 9. Ryan Newman; 10. Daniel Suarez.

Drivers eligible for 2020 Busch Clash at Daytona

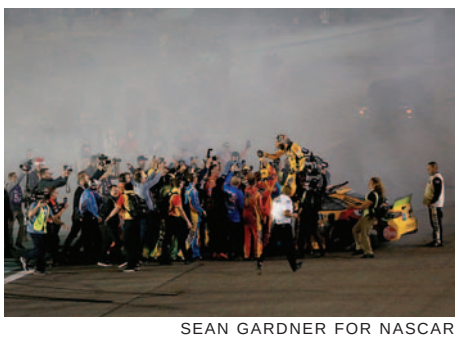
NO.	DRIVER	HOW QUALIFIED
1.	Aric Almirola	One Busch Pole Award in 2019
2.	Ryan Blaney	One Busch Pole Award in 2019
3.	Alex Bowman	Former Daytona 500 Pole Winner
4.	Clint Bowyer	One Busch Pole Award in 2019
5.	Kyle Busch	One Busch Pole Award in 2019
6.	Kurt Busch	Former Clash Race Winner
7.	William Byron	Five Busch Pole Awards in 2019
8.	Austin Dillon	Three Busch Pole Awards in 2019
9.	Chase Elliott	Four Busch Pole Awards in 2019
10.	Denny Hamlin	Three Busch Pole Awards in 2019
11.	Kevin Harvick	Six Busch Pole Awards in 2019
12.	Daniel Hemric	One Busch Pole Award in 2019
13.	Jimmie Johnson	One Busch Pole Award in 2019
14.	Erik Jones	2019 Cup Series Playoffs
15.	Brad Keselowski	Three Busch Pole Awards in 2019
16.	Kyle Larson	One Busch Pole Award in 2019
17.	Joey Logano	Two Busch Pole Awards in 2019
18.	Ryan Newman	Former Daytona 500 Race Winner
19.	Daniel Suarez	One Busch Pole Award in 2019
20.	Martin Truex Jr.	Former Daytona 500 Pole Winner

2020 Cup Series schedule

As Daytona approaches, here's a reminder that NASCAR will move away from a single-entity title sponsorship model to have four separate premium sponsors. The four sponsors — Busch Beer, Coca-Cola, Geico and Xfinity — take over from Monster Energy, which was the primary sponsor since 2017.

The sport's top series won't be identified for a single, recognizable sponsor's name as it has been in the past (Winston, Nextel, Sprint). Instead, each of the four new premium sponsors will have their own presence at every Cup race.

What will the top series be called now? The NASCAR Cup Series.



SEAN GARDNER FOR NASCAR

Kyle Busch, driver of the #18 M&M's Toyota, celebrates with his crew in the smoke of his epic burnout after winning the Cup Series Championship and the Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway last November. Who'll be standing in Victory Lane when the season ends — in Phoenix — this November?

Date	Location	Network	Start Time	Radio
Sun., Feb. 9	DAYTONA 500 Qualifying	FOX	12:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Feb. 9	Advance Auto Parts Clash	FS1	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Thurs., Feb. 13	Gander RV Duel at DAYTONA	FS1	7:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Feb. 16	DAYTONA 500	FOX	2:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Feb. 23	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	FOX	3:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Mar. 1	Auto Club Speedway	FOX	3:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Mar. 8	Phoenix Raceway	FOX	3:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Mar. 15	Atlanta Motor Speedway	FOX	2:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Mar. 22	Homestead-Miami Speedway	FOX	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Mar. 29	Texas Motor Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Apr. 5	Bristol Motor Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Apr. 19	Richmond Raceway	FOX	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Apr. 26	Talladega Superspeedway	FOX	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., May 3	Dover International Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sat., May 9	Martinsville Speedway	FS1	8:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sat., May 16	All-Star Open	FS1	7:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sat., May 16	All-Star Race	FS1	9:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., May 24	Charlotte Motor Speedway	FOX	6:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., May 31	Kansas Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Jun. 7	Michigan International Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Jun. 14	Sonoma Raceway	FS1	3:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Jun. 21	Chicagoland Speedway	NBCSN	2:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sat., Jun. 27	Pocono Raceway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Jun. 28	Pocono Raceway	NBCSN	3:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Jul. 5	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	NBC	3:30 p.m.	IMS/SiriusXM
Sat., Jul. 11	Kentucky Speedway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Jul. 19	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Aug. 9	Michigan International Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Aug. 16	Watkins Glen International	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Aug. 23	Dover International Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sat., Aug. 29	Daytona International Speedway	NBC	7:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Sept. 6	Darlington Raceway	NBCSN	6:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sat., Sept. 12	Richmond Raceway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sat., Sept. 19	Bristol Motor Speedway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Sept. 27	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	NBCSN	7:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Oct. 4	Talladega Superspeedway	NBC	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Oct. 11	Charlotte Motor Speedway	NBC	2:30 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Oct. 18	Kansas Speedway	NBC	2:30 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Oct. 25	Texas Motor Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.	PRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Nov. 1	Martinsville Speedway	NBC	2:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM
Sun., Nov. 8	Phoenix Raceway	NBC	3:00 p.m.	MRN/SiriusXM

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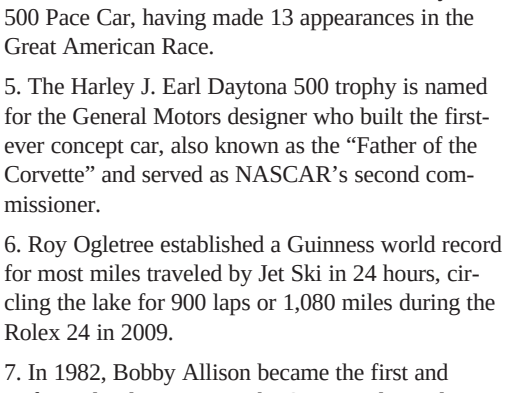

DAYTONA 500

Distance: 200 laps, or 500 miles.
Where: Daytona International Speedway, a 2.5-mile, asphalt tri-oval in Daytona Beach, Fla.
When: 2:30 p.m. ET Sunday, Feb. 16.
TV: FOX
Radio: Motor Racing Network.
Last year's winner: Denny Hamlin.

Hamlin

Top 10 little known facts:

1. The inaugural Rolex 24 at Daytona was actually just a three-hour, 82-lap race.

2. Daytona is the largest lighted sports facility in North America, with over 2,000 lights installed since the first night race in 1998.

3. George W. Bush is the only person to have served as Grand Marshal for both the Daytona 500 and the Coke Zero 400.

4. The Pontiac Trans-Am is the most-used Daytona 500 Pace Car, having made 13 appearances in the Great American Race.

5. The Harley J. Earl Daytona 500 trophy is named for the General Motors designer who built the first-ever concept car, also known as the "Father of the Corvette" and served as NASCAR's second commissioner.

6. Roy Ogletree established a Guinness world record for most miles traveled by Jet Ski in 24 hours, circling the lake for 900 laps or 1,080 miles during the Rolex 24 in 2009.

7. In 1982, Bobby Allison became the first and so far, only, driver to win the Sprint Unlimited, Daytona 500 and Coke Zero 400 in the same season.

8. Two full Disneylands would fit inside Daytona International Speedway's 180-acre infield.

9. A record six women qualified for the 2010 Lucas Oil 200 in the ARCA Racing Series at Daytona International Speedway.

10. You can see the Atlantic Ocean from the top rows of the 400 level of the new stadium.

2019 MONSTER FINAL STANDINGS

*Top 20 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kyle Busch #18	**5040**	11 William Byron #24	2274
2 Martin Truex Jr #19	5035	12 Alex Bowman #88	2257
3 Kevin Harvick #4	5033	13 Kurt Busch #1	2237
4 Denny Hamlin #11	5027	14 Aric Almirola #10	2234
5 Joey Logano #22	2380	15 Ryan Newman #6	2219
6 Ryan Blaney #12	2339	16 Erik Jones #20	2194
7 Kyle Larson #42	2339	17 Daniel Suarez #41	846
8 Brad Keselowski #2	2318	18 Jimmie Johnson #48	835
9 Clint Bowyer #14	2290	19 Paul Menard #21	777
10 Chase Elliott #9	2275	20 Chris Buescher #37	729

2019 XFINITY FINAL STANDINGS

*Top 20 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick #2	**4040**	11 Ryan Sieg #39	2171
2 Cole Custer #0	4035	12 Justin Haley #11	2155
3 Christopher Bell #20	4032	13 Gray Gaulding #8	713
4 Justin Allgaier #7	4023	14 Jer Clements #51	699
5 Chase Briscoe #98	2302	15 Brandon Brown #68	574
6 Austin Cindric #22	2294	16 Ray Black Jr #7	547
7 J.H. Nemechek #23	2253	17 Josh Williams #36	527
8 Noah Gragson #9	2246	18 Stephen Leicht #1	449
9 Michael Annett #1	2239	19 Garrett Smithley #0	443
10 Brandon Jones #19	2207	20 BJ McLeod #4	425

2019 TRUCKS FINAL STANDINGS

*Top 10 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Matt Crafton #88	**4035**	6 Johnny Sauter #13	2238
2 Ross Chastain #45	4033	7 Grant Enfinger #98	2236
3 Brett Moffitt #24	4032	8 Tyler Ankrum #17	2182
4 Stewart Friesen #52	4026	9 Ben Rhodes #99	773
5 Austin Hill #16	2298	10 Sheldon Creed #2	726

Mack attack suits NASCAR just fine

Iconic American brand to remain the 'Official Hauler of NASCAR'

As the 2020 season rolls into view and the industry prepares to hit the open roads, NASCAR and Mack Trucks announced today a multi-year extension that continues its designation as the "Official Hauler of NASCAR."

For nearly five-years, NASCAR has logged approximately 450,000 miles annually with Mack trucks, paving the way for successful races at various tracks across North America. In 2018, NASCAR helped Mack unveil its new Mack Anthem model — the latest addition to its premium line-up and still hauling the NASCAR fleet today — during NASCAR Fan Appreciation Day.

"Our relationship with Mack Trucks continues to deliver a transportation solution that plays an integral role in our success every weekend," said Elton Sawyer, vice president, officiating and technical inspection, NASCAR. "With their partnership, we have developed a customized fleet of NASCAR trucks that has simplified our transportation logistics and in turn, help us remain focused on our events."

Mack Trucks utilizes the partnership to engage customers across the country with a variety of activations across the sport. Most recently, a Mack Anthem wrapped in a custom-designed, military-themed scheme was front and center during last year's NASCAR Salutes Refreshed by Coca-Cola — an industry-wide expression of respect, appreciation and reverence for those who have served the nation both past and present.

The popular NASCAR Salutes Mack Anthem paint scheme will return for its third installment in 2020.

Four different design concepts for the wrap were shared on social media where fans could vote for their favorite scheme. The winning design, which featured all five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, earned nearly 40 percent of the vote.

"Our partnership with NASCAR has provided unique opportunities to showcase our products, services and technology to a wide array of customers," said John Walsh, vice president, marketing, Mack Trucks. "Through the extension of our relationship, we look forward to doing even more with NASCAR to further demonstrate the value we're delivering to our customers' businesses today through industry-leading total transportation solutions."

The popular NASCAR Salutes Mack Anthem paint scheme will return for its third installment in the 2020 season, and once again, fans will be given the opportunity to choose the design for the NASCAR Cup Series rig. Additionally, Mack Trucks will be the presenting sponsor of NASCAR Digital Media's weekly Power Rankings video franchise this year.

— NASCAR reports

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‘Lines with Power and Purpose’

Krasl to open exhibit of editorial cartoons from WWI, WWII era

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Open a newspaper to the opinion page in 2020, and you might see an editorial cartoon of Nancy Pelosi and Donald Trump fighting about something.

But in 1940, you might have seen something about Nazis or President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A sample of 51 of these editorial cartoons from the World War I to World War II era will be on display at the Krasl Art Center starting tomorrow through March 8 as part of the “Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons” exhibit.

“Certainly there are things going on in these pieces that we don’t necessarily know the characters any more, like John Alexander Dowie,” Tami Miller, Krasl’s deputy director and curator, said. “But I think even if we don’t necessarily know the exact moment they’re capturing, you can still see the caricature quality of the people, the exaggeration and the humor.”

The collection has been culled from the Melton Gallery at the University of Central Oklahoma, which has housed the cartoons for more than three decades. Included in this exhibition are six Pulitzer Prize winners for editorial cartooning, among some others done by students.

Miller said the cartoons done by students are interesting because they offer notes from the student’s mentor.

“Well! What are you going to do about it?” by an artist known as “Army” depicts a giant octopus draped over Oklahoma City, as a call to arms for citizens of Oklahoma City to become aware and help fight organized crime in their city.

If You Go

What: Opening reception for “Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons” and “Ongoing Matter”

When: 5:30 p.m. Friday; exhibits continue through March 8

Where: Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph

How much: Free

More info: 983-0271 or krasl.org

The inspiration for this particular cartoons remains a mystery, but in the early 1940s, the hotbed of any organized crime in Oklahoma City probably revolved around bootlegging the illegal distribution and sale of alcohol.

It’s believed that Army was highlighting the extent to which organized crime had its tentacles throughout major institutions within Oklahoma City. Or perhaps he was just practicing for Armstrong’s approval in anticipation of a news story involving organized crime.

Army was cartoonist C.J. Armstrong’s protege. Armstrong’s notes to Army on his cartoon include being more careful with detail and allowing more highlights on the octopus.

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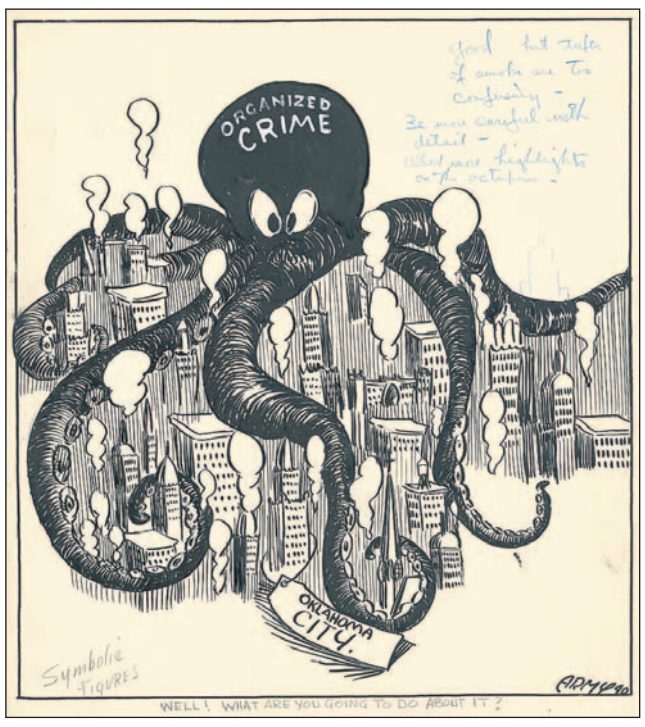

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“Well! What are you going to do about it?” by an artist known as “Army” depicts organized crime in Oklahoma City in 1940. The editorial cartoon is part of the “Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons” exhibit opening at The Krasl Art Center this weekend. Of note on this piece are the comments made in the top right hand corner of the drawing from the artist’s mentor.

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

LYNN and The Moonshine Runners visit South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — A three-piece band with influences ranging from Peter Gabriel to Jethro Tull to the Stanley Brothers will make its first stop in South Haven this weekend.

LYNN and the Moonshine Runners, made up of Lynn Thompson, Ian Grant and Billy Tomaselli, will take the stage at 7 p.m. Friday at Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven.

The Grand Rapids-based group plays all original music, and has a new album out, “World Away.” Copies of the CD will be available at Friday’s performance.

Their music is described as toe tappin’, head noddin’, beer tippin’ mountain music.

Harbor Light has live music every Friday, and admission is free.

For more information, visit Harbor Light Brewery or LYNN and the Moonshine Runners on Facebook.

Ice festivals skate into Southwest Michigan

There are a trio of opportunities to enjoy all things ice this weekend around Southwest Michigan.

Festivals are planned in South Haven (Ice Break Festival), St. Joseph (Magical Ice Fest) and Dowagiac (Ice Time Festival).

South Haven’s festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will include open skates, a chili cook-off, cardboard sled races, a fish fling and ice sculptures around the city.

For an entire schedule of events, visit www.southhavenmi.com/pages/IceBreaker.

St. Joseph’s festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will include a Fire and Ice Party, a 5K, ice carving, ice bowling and a scavenger hunt.

For an entire schedule of events, visit www.stjoetoday.com.

Dowagiac’s festival from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday will include ice carving, free hot chocolate, human foosball, a bonfire, s’mores, and an ice cream eating contest.

For an entire schedule of events, visit www.dowagiacchamber.com.

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Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Adrienne Holt Glisson, from left, performs as Jinx; Peggy Harrington performs as Marlafaye; Kristen Wielenga performs as Randa; and Susan Meadows performs as Dot during a Twin City Players rehearsal for “The Savannah Sipping Society.”

Hot yoga refugees share humor and friendship

Twin City Players opens ‘The Savannah Sipping Society’ on Friday night

By RON DeKETT
HP Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH — Shared distaste for hot yoga workouts and an appreciation for happy hour gabfests unite a group of women uncertain about their future as they commiserate with each other about their lives with humor and friendship.

That’s the setting for “The Savannah Sipping Society,” written by the popular playwright trio of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten – whose credits include “The Dixie Swim Club,” “Always a Bridesmaid” and “The Red Velvet Cake War.”

The play opens Friday night at the Twin City Players Playhouse.

Although Kelly Carlin has directed in Buchanan, Kalamazoo and Michigan City, Ind., “The Savannah Sipping Society” is her first opportunity to direct a play for Twin City Players. But more interesting for her is the production is her first opportunity to direct an all-female cast and with an all-women backstage and lighting crew.

“Just having that completely feminine energy for the rehearsals has been really wonderful and bonding,” Carlin said. “I love directing men, as well, but it was just a little bit different having only women.”

The play introduces to the audience four Southern women: Dot, played by Susan Meadows; Marlafaye, played by Peggy

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If You Go

What: Twin City Players presents “The Savannah Sipping Society”

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Feb. 7-8, 14-15; 2 p.m. Sunday and Feb. 9, 16

Where: Twin City Players Playhouse, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph

How much: $7-$15

More info: 429-0400 or twincityplayers.org

‘Alice in Wonderland’ goes steampunk

Our Town Players to present classic play with a twist over next two weekends

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Area residents can take a break from the winter doldrums this weekend to meet such whimsical characters as the Cheshire Cat, Humpty Dumpty and the insane March Hare when Our Town Players opens its production of “Alice in Wonderland.”

Award-winning playwright Michele L. Vacca’s adaptation of Lewis Carroll’s classic tale will be presented this weekend and next at South Haven High School.

The familiar children’s story recounts the adventures of Alice, who wanders away from her sister to follow an unusual-looking white rabbit and lands in Wonderland. In her attempts to catch up with the White Rabbit, she meets several characters, such as the Cheshire Cat and Humpty Dumpty, and is invited to play croquet with the Queen of Hearts. As the play progresses, one wonders, will Alice ever find her way out of Wonderland?

For the past couple of years, Our Town Players has chosen modern plays for its annual children’s production, but this year, the troupe opted for a more classic play.

“In the last two years, we have produced ‘Dr. Evil and The Basket of Kittens’ and ‘The Princess Who Had No Name,’” Kate Hosier said. “While the scripts, and ultimately

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If You Go

What: Our Town Players presents “Alice in Wonderland”

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Feb. 7-8; 3 p.m. Feb. 2; 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6

Where: Listiak Auditorium at South Haven High School, 600 Elkenburg St., South Haven

How much: $12, $10 seniors and students 12 and older, $6 ages 11 and younger (cash or check only at the door)

More info: www.ourtownplayers.org

SH Performance Series announces 2020 season

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven Performance Series has announced its 2020 season, which opens April 24.

All performances will be at First United Methodist Church, 429 Michigan Ave., and start at 7:30 p.m.

The opening performance will be by Gilmore International Piano Competition Young Artist Misha Galant.

Galant began piano lessons at age 6, and continued to study for 12 years with his mother, Olya Katsman. Throughout high school, he also received guidance and coaching through the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

He is currently a senior at Columbia University, studying piano through the Columbia-Juilliard Program.

Galant gave his first full solo recital at 12, and made his orchestral debut at 13 with the Oakland East Bay Symphony. He has since performed with orchestras across the U.S. and Europe.

The series continues on

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KRASL

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Miller said she finds that process fascinating, as well as the entire exhibit, because of how it relates to today.

"It highlights the big era of print journalism, which is no longer, so it's fascinating to me to think about the relationship of these images to our digitally saturated culture today," she said.

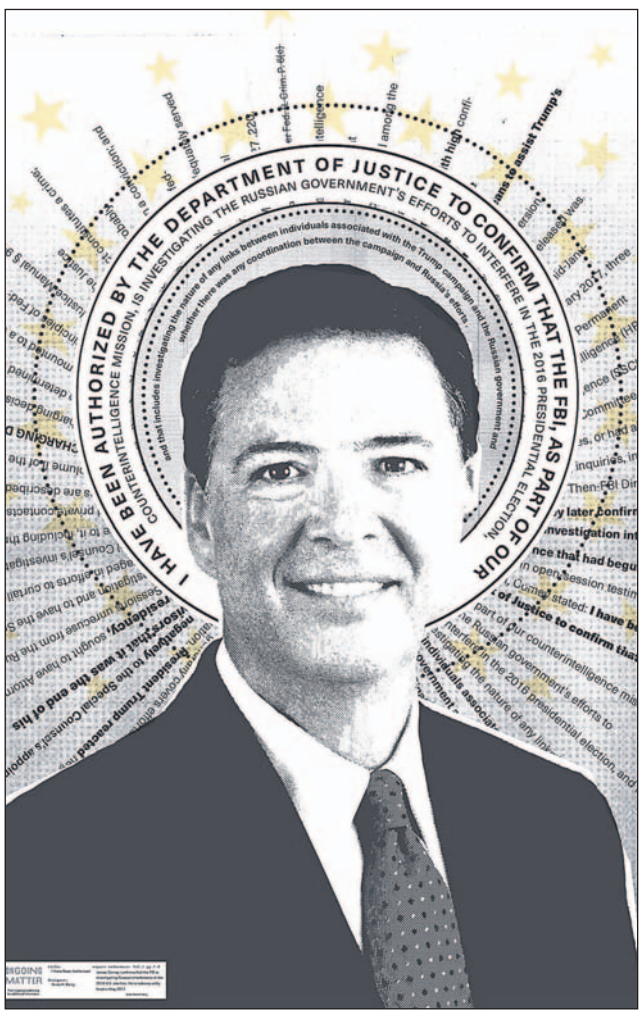
Miller said you can compare these images to memes.

"In editorial cartoons, they use conventions to make them effective, like a meme would, and they have that great illustration, penmanship, handmade quality to them that is just different in the digital age," she said.

Many of the cartoons include FDR, because he was the president that everybody had critiques of at that time.

Miller said it's interesting to think about if the critiques are still valuable and resonate with viewers.

"Do they stand the test of time? I think that's interesting when you think about editorial cartoons today," she said.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This piece by Anne H. Berry is part of "Ongoing Matter," a collection of poster designs developed by nine designers across the U.S. intended to increase access to, and facilitate engagement with, the Report On the Investigation Into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election – more colloquially known as The Mueller Report.

'Ongoing Matter'

The editorial cartoons of the past are juxtaposed at the Krasl with the Artlab exhibit also opening tomorrow, "Ongoing Matter."

The exhibit is a collection of poster designs developed by nine designers across the U.S. intended to increase access to, and facilitate engagement with, the Report On the Investigation Into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election – more colloquially known as The Mueller Report.

Brian Edlefson, an art director, designer and educator, has a piece in the exhibit and serves on the Krasl's Board of Directors.

He said the other eight designers are all connected through being college professors.

"The project stems from discussions that we all were having around The Mueller Report," Edlefson said. "How, as designers, it's hard to get through. There's a contradiction between trying to read this important historical document and that it's designed in a way that's not reader friendly."

The project was a nonpartisan undertaking, with an overarching goal to help educate and inspire activism, regardless of political ideology affiliation.

"One of our guidelines was to add no text other than what's in the report. No subjective language of our own," Edlefson said. "Although some of the posters may really expand on a phrase or section from the report and blow it out of proportion or hyperbole, the reality is it's from the actual report."

The other participating artists are Rafael Barahona, Anne H. Berry, Marie Bourgeois, Mikey Burton, Sarah Edmands Martin, Jordan Kauffman, Andre Murnieks and Kelly Walters.

Edlefson said each designer focused on a part of the report. His part was about connecting the Russian interference and hacking of the Democratic National Committee servers.

"What I found compelling was that my section had a lot of redacted areas. It leaves a lot to the imagination," he said. "My poster is sort of like all of those redactions on top of each other. I wanted to draw attention to those areas and then also sort of highlight parts of the text that, taken out of context, the truth is stranger than fiction."

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Pure Winds Quintet will perform on June 26 as part of the South Haven Performance Series.

SERIES

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June 26, with the Pure Winds Quintet, an award-winning woodwind ensemble from Lansing. The group promotes outside-of-the-concert-hall musical experiences, and strives to create conversations with audiences.

The performers – Colton Wansitle on flute, Nick Schumacher on clarinet, Natalie Law on bassoon, Dominic Hayes on horn and Andrea Silverio on oboe – bring a fresh perspective to standard quintet repertoire while also performing new music.

On July 31, the D'Amore Duo will take the stage. This duo – William Feasley on guitar and Emily Tsai on oboe – was formed in 1991 to investigate the wealth of chamber music for oboe and guitar.

The two have toured internationally and domestically, and have released three recordings.

The final summer concert on Aug. 28, will feature the Kalamazoo-based Tom Knific Quartet.

The ensemble features four area musicians: Susan Wiersma Uchimura on piano, Bruce Uchimura on cello, Tom Knific on double bass and Renata Artman Knific on violin.

The quartet performs a mix of classical favorites and hits from the Great American Songbook by composers like Burt Bacharach, Duke Ellington, George Gershwin and Harold Arlen.

The fall concert will be announced at a later date.

Founded in 2010, the Performance Series is an all-volunteer, community-based organization that provides a mix of musical arts for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Admission to each concert is $10, and students are free. Tickets only will be sold on the evening of the concert.

ALICE

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the productions, were absolutely fantastic with snappy, clever dialogue, they don't get the similar name recognition of a classic play."

Although "Alice in Wonderland" is considered a classic, Our Town Players' production will take on a slightly different twist.

"This year, we wanted to revisit a classic play, but experiment with a different genre," Hosier said. "'Alice in Wonderland' is a well-known classic play known for its odd and peculiar characters. Our 'Alice in Wonderland' will be in a steampunk style with surreal, whimsical costuming."

Steampunk plays are ones set in Victorian England but whose plot involves anachronistic elements of style, design and fashion.

The Our Town Players production also will include several music and dance scenes.

"This is a play, but we have incorporated musical and dance elements into the overall production," Hosier said. "We have been working with Brandy Campbell of Shoreline Dance Academy as well with Chris Measzros, Our Town Players board member and Bangor Schools art teacher. Shoreline Dance will have a small group doing a dance number, and Measzros will have a section of the cast performing a musical piece.

Seventy adults and youths auditioned for "Alice in Wonderland," Hosier said.

"We are excited to have several actors returning from past shows and quite a few new faces," she said. "Leeanne Mielke has the title role of Alice. Claudia Fiedorowicz is the unpredictable Mad Hatter, and Sydney Bettis is the insane March Hare. Jocyln Wolfe is the harried White Rabbit. Faith Dickerson plays the fearsome Queen of Hearts, and Hayden Washegesic plays the beleaguered Red King. Melanie Ruppert returns not only as our costume designer but also plays the Duchess."

NOW PLAYING

Movies in theaters this week.

NEW RELEASES

"Gretel & Hansel": A long time ago in a distant fairy tale countryside, a young girl leads her little brother into a dark woods in desperate search of food and work, only to stumble upon a nexus of terrifying evil. Stars Sophia Lillis, Alice Krige, Jessica De Gouw, Charles Babalola and Samuel Leakey. Rated PG-13 for disturbing images/thematic content and brief drug material. Runtime: 87 minutes.

"The Rhythm Section": A woman seeks revenge against those who orchestrated a plane crash that killed her family. Stars Blake Lively, Jude Law, Sterling K. Brown, Daniel Mays and Max Casella. Rated R for violence, sexual content, language and some drug use. Runtime: 109 minutes.

STILL SHOWING

"1917": Two young British soldiers during World War I are given an impossible mission: deliver a message deep into enemy territory that will stop 1,600 men, and one of the soldiers' brothers, from walking straight into a deadly trap. Stars Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays, Colin Firth and Pip Carter. Rated R for violence, some disturbing images and language. Runtime: 119 minutes.

"Bad Boys for Life": The Bad Boys, Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett, are back together for one last ride. Stars Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Alexander Ludwig, Vanessa Hudgens and Joe Pantoliano. Rated R for strong bloody violence, language throughout, sexual references and brief drug use. Runtime: 123 minutes.

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Alice Krige is shown in a scene from "Gretel & Hansel."

"Dolittle": A physician discovers he can talk to animals. Stars Robert Downey Jr., Antonio Banderas, Michael Sheen, Jim Broadbent and Jessie Buckley. Rated PG for some action, rude humor and brief language. Runtime: 106 minutes.

"Jumanji: The Next Level": The gang is back, but the game has changed. As they return to rescue one of their own, the players will have to brave parts unknown – from arid deserts to snowy mountains – to escape the world's most dangerous game. Stars Karen Gillan, Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Nick Jonas and Kevin Hart. Rated PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language. Runtime: 123 minutes.

"Just Mercy": World-renowned civil rights defense attorney Bryan Stevenson works to free a wrongly condemned death row prisoner. Stars Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx, Brie Larson, Rafe Spall and Tim Blake Nelson. Rated PG-13 for thematic content, including some racial epithets. Runtime: 136 minutes.

"Knives Out": A detective investigates the death of a patriarch of an eccentric, combative family. Stars Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Shannon. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references and drug material. Runtime: 130 minutes.

"Little Women": Four sisters come of age in America in the aftermath of the Civil War. Stars Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Timothée Chalamet, Florence Pugh and Eliza Scanlen. Rated PG for thematic elements and brief smoking. Runtime: 134 minutes.

"Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker": The surviving Resistance faces the First Order once more in the final chapter of the Skywalker saga. Stars Adam Driver, Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac and Mark Hamill. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action. Runtime: 141 minutes.

"The Gentleman": A British drug lord tries to sell off his highly profitable empire to a dynasty of Oklahoma billionaires. Stars Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Michelle Dockery, Jeremy Strong and Lyne Renee. Rated R for violence, language throughout, sexual references and drug content. Runtime: 113 minutes.

"The Turning": A young governess is hired by a man who has become responsible for his young nephew and niece after the deaths of their parents. Stars Mackenzie Davis, Finn Wolfhard, Brooklynn Prince, Karen Egan and Mark Huberman. Rated PG-13 for terror, violence, disturbing images, brief strong language and some suggestive content. Runtime: 94 minutes.

HIGHLIGHTS

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Cher tribute show comes to Four Winds

NEW BUFFALO — The beat will go on this weekend at Four Winds Casino's Silver Creek Event Center.

"The Beat Goes On," a Cher tribute show will begin at 9 p.m. Saturday at 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo.

The international touring show features American singer/actress Lisa McClowry's portrayal of Cher in a one-woman, Broadway-style live stage show.

McClowry is described as being completely convincing as Cher, with every aspect down pat, including her singing and speaking voice, the walk, the talk, the costumes, the makeup and the mannerisms.

In addition, the show incorporates a live band, LED walls, video, multiple costume changes, humor and audience participation.

The show will feature Cher's hits, spanning from the 1960s to now, including, "I Got You Babe," "Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves," "I Found Someone," "If I Could Turn Back Time," "Woman's World," "Welcome to Burlesque" and "Believe."

McClowry is a lifelong singer and entertainer with more than 30 years in the entertainment industry, 25 music albums, multiple lead roles in theatrical productions, movies and commercials.

Tickets are $35.

For more info, or tickets, visit www.fourwindscasino.com or call 866-494-6371.

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Lisa McClowry will perform as Cher for "The Beat Goes On," which visits Four Winds Casino on Saturday night.

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THE GUIDE

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The Bootstrap Boys will make their debut at The Livery on Saturday night. Their style is "rooted in the classic American country tradition of Saturday night in the honky-tonk and Sunday morning in church."

TODAY

Hanson Theatre Living Room Series presents Molly: 7 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $13-$18; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

FRIDAY

27th annual Ice Breaker Festival: 4-9 p.m., Downtown South Haven; free; 637-5171 or www.southhavenmi.com

16th annual Magical Ice Fest: 5:30 p.m.-midnight, downtown St. Joseph; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

Opening reception for "Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons" and "Ongoing Matter": 6-8 p.m., Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

LYNN and the Moonshine Runners: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Chris Robison: 7-10 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Twin City Players presents "The Savannah Sipping Society": 7:30 p.m., Twin City Players Playhouse, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph; $12-$15; 429-0400 or www.twincityplayers.org

Our Town Players presents "Alice in Wonderland": 7:30 p.m., Listiak Auditorium, South Haven High School, 600 Elkenburg St., South Haven; $12, $10 seniors and students 12 and older, $6 ages 11 and younger; www.ourtownplayers.org

Don Savoie: 7:30-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Great White and Slaughter: 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; sold out; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Bob Marley Birthday Bash with Indika: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Libido Funk Circus: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Kenya: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DC-90: 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Black River Tavern, 403 Phoenix St., South Haven; 637-4837 or www.blackrivertavern.com

SATURDAY

24th annual Dowagiac Ice Time Festival: 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., downtown Dowagiac; free; 782-8212 or www.dowagiacchamber.com

Book signing with children's authors Laurie Keller and Amy Young: 1-4 p.m., Black River Books, 330 Kalamazoo St., Suite 2, South Haven; 637-7374 or www.blackriverbooks.net

Todd Allen: 7-10 p.m., Joey Armadillo's, 2732 S. 11th St., Niles; 687-5555 or www.joeyarmadillos.com

Echoes of Pompeii (Pink Floyd tribute): 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; sold out; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Andrews University Wind Symphony Winter Concert: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $6, $4 students, free ages 10 and younger; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Bronk Bros: 8-11 p.m., South Haven Brewpub, 515 Williams St., Suite 23, South Haven; 767-7105 or www.southhavenbrewpub.com

The Bootstrap Boys: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

"The Beat Goes On" featuring Lisa McClowry (Cher tribute): 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $35; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Sadie Bass: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

DJ Mad Jaz: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Shagadelics: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Sticky Boots: 10 p.m.-2 a.m., Tonic, 219 Main St., St. Joseph; 982-4000 or www.tonicstjoe.com

27th annual Ice Breaker Festival: 7 a.m.-9 p.m., see Friday

16th annual Magical Ice Fest: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., see Friday

"The Savannah Sipping Society": see Friday

"Alice in Wonderland": see Friday

SUNDAY

The Backsliders: 2 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

ArtsBridge Super Sunday Poetry Reading: 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor; free, donations accepted; 925-7075 or firstpresbh.org

Mark Ficks: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Twin City String Band: 3-5 p.m., Forte Coffee, 2045 Niles Road, St. Joseph; 769-0050 or www.forte.coffee

27th annual Ice Breaker Festival: noon-6 p.m. see Friday

"The Savannah Sipping Society": 2 p.m., see Friday

"Alice in Wonderland": 3 p.m., see Friday

MONDAY

Monday Musical Club presents "From My Soul to Yours" with Andrew Fisher: 7 p.m., The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; www.mmcmi.org

New Territory Arts Association Open Stage with Blue Aura: 7-10 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

FEB. 6

Mike Talbot: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Comedy Night featuring Steve Iott and Ricarlo Williams: 9 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

"Alice in Wonderland": 6:30 p.m., see Jan. 31

FEB. 7

DJ Dale Owen: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Toby Bresnahan: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Kody Bryant with Paul Erdman: 7-10 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Worship Music Open Mic with Marcus and Marketo: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; free, donations encouraged; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Trifocal: 8 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested donation; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Jonny Love & The Goods: 8-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Love Day Dance Party with 27 Entertainment: 8 p.m.-midnight, Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $30; 820-2050 or www.journeymandistillery.com

DJ Jellie Bean: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

"The Savannah Sipping Society": see Jan. 31

"Alice in Wonderland": see Jan. 31

FEB. 8

Harpist Cynthia Shelhart: 1-1:45 p.m. and 2:15-3 p.m., Apothica Teas, 222 E. Main St., Niles; 340-0826

Delilah DeWylde: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Jay's Lounge, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353

The Manhattan Transfer with Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra: 7:30 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $45-$85; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Carla Trynchuk and Chi Yong Yun: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $6, $4 students and seniors; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Full Cord: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $7-$10; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Trash Can Cocktail: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

BBI: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Chris: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

"The Savannah Sipping Society": see Jan. 31

"Alice in Wonderland": see Jan. 31

FEB. 9

Artist reception for Northern Indiana Artists Exhibit: 2-4 p.m., Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve's Clark Art Gallery, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

CarMa: 2-5 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Mike Talbot: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Scott Club Concert Series presents Tina Gorter, Keith Gieman and David Bernard: 3-4:30 p.m., Foundry Hall at Scott Club, 652 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 220-0444 or www.foundryhall.org

Andrews University Sunday Music Series presents Mallory McHenry: 4 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

"The Savannah Sipping Society": 2 p.m., see Jan. 31

FEB. 11

Artist talk/exhibition with Sabine Krummel: 5-7 p.m., Lawrence Branch Library, 212 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence; free; 674-3200 or www.vbdl.org

Book signing with "Turn the Page: The Bob Seger Story" author Edward Sarkis Balian: 6 p.m., Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake St., Bridgman; free; 465-3663 or www.bridgmanlibrary.com

Music Trivia: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speakers Series presents Nic Sheff: 7:30 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $20-$50; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

FEB. 12

"The Kingfish as Dictator: Huey P. Long of Louisiana" with Tim Moore: 6-7 p.m., The Whitcomb, 509 Ship St., St. Joseph; free; 982-2513 or www.whitcombretirement.com

FEB. 13

"A Piece of Love: Vintage Valentines" with Rhiannon Cizon: 6:30 p.m., The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; $5 suggested donation; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

Jimmy Fastiggi: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

FEB. 14

Ed Skjordal: 6 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Sinatra Night with Mike Cortson: 6-10 p.m., Schu's Grill & Bar, 501 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 983-7248 or www.schus.com

Paul Erdman: 7 p.m., Jay's Lounge, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353

Jan Krist and Jim Bizer: 7-9 p.m., Black River Tavern, 403 Phoenix St., South Haven; $10 suggested donation; 637-4837 or www.blackrivertavern.com

Redman-West: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Lexi Adams: 8 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Open Mic with Adam Gawlikowski and Mark Fredrick: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; free, donations encouraged; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Comedy on the Rocks featuring Amy Sumpter, Zako Ryan and Max Tidey: 8-9:30 p.m., Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $20; 820-2050 or journeymandistillery.com

The Backups: 8-11 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

High Vizz: 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

PS Dump Your Boyfriend: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Jellie Bean: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

"The Savannah Sipping Society": see Jan. 31

ONGOING

ART EXHIBITS

Archive exhibit of SMC event posters from 2010-19: through today, **Works by Lea Bult and Janice Kimball:** Monday-Feb. 27, Southwestern Michigan College's Gallery, Dale A. Lyons Building, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac; free; 782-1457 or www.swmich.edu

"Palimpsest" by Scott Elliott: through Feb. 11; ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or arsartsandculture.org

"This Is My Brain Healing" by Laura Hanlin, BAC instructor showcase, and woodcarving by John VanDyke: through Feb. 22, Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"2019 Members Show: Inspired by the Greats": through Feb. 29, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

"Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons" and **"Ongoing Matter":** Friday-March 8, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Works by Bruce Wrenn: through March 11, The Gallery at The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1111 or www.harborshoresresort.com/the-inn

Northern Indiana Artists Exhibit: Friday-March 29, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve's Clark Art Gallery, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; free with regular admission ($10, $7 seniors and students with ID, $5 military and ages 5-17; free members and ages 4 and younger); 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

WEEKLY EVENTS

Music bingo: 7 p.m. Thursdays, LakeHouse Restaurant & Bar, 3029 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 982-8020 or thelakehouserestaurant.com

Karaoke: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. Fridays; Babe's Lounge, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

Geeks Who Drink Trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; Sister Lakes Brewing, 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; free; 332-5135 or www.sisterlakesbrewing.com

Music match trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Thursdays; Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

DJ karaoke: 9 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays; Arrowhead Bar & Grill, 20 W. Main St., Hartford; free; 621-4100

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Saturdays; AJ's Uptown Bar and Grill, 102 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-1579

Karaoke: 10 p.m. Saturdays, Wednesdays; The Sandbar & Grille, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-9977

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Mondays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Open mic: 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Uptown Pizza Co., 100 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-6007 or www.uptownpizzacompany.com

Open mic: 7 p.m. Tuesdays; St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Elks Lodge 541, 601 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 363-4180

Music bingo: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sandbar & Grille, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-9977 or www.sandbargrillestjoe.com

Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

Jam sessions: 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays; Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; $5 suggested donation; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

Open mic: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Rock 'n' Roll Dance Music with DJ Dale Owen: 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; Hidden Pointe Hall, 1050 Nickerson Ave., Benton Harbor; $5; 926-1358

Team Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

The Guide appears Thursdays in Entertainment. Email information to Focus@TheHP.com. For questions, call Andy Steinke at 932-0363.

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Harrington; Randa, played by Kristen Wielenga; and Jinx, played by Adrienne Holt Glisson.

"There is one extra cameo," Carlin said. "That's kind of a surprise."

The four main characters have found themselves in a time of change and uncertainty.

Randa, a perfectionist and workaholic, is struggling to cope with a surprise career derailment that, unfortunately, reveals she has no life and no idea how to get one.

Dot, still reeling from her husband's recent demise and the loss of their plans for an idyllic retirement, faces the unsettling prospect of starting a new life from scratch – and all alone.

Marlafaye is earthy and boisterous, a good ol' Texas gal who moved to Savannah after her husband ran off with a 23-year-old dental hygienist.

Jinx is a spunky life coach who overlooks the fact that she is the one who needs life advise.

Casting for the roles proved difficult, Carlin said.

"There was so many talented women who came out for the show, it was very hard," she said. "It was a wonderful talent pool to choose from. I had so many different women that came out (and) each put a different spin on the characters they were auditioning for."

Carlin finally settled on Meadows, Harrington, Wielenga and Glisson.

"In the end, I know I chose extraordinary talent, and they are doing amazingly well," she said. "Every single one of them has a strong personality."

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Peggy Harrington, at left, performs as Marlafaye, and Susan Meadows performs as Dot during a Twin City Players rehearsal for "The Savannah Sipping Society."

While Carlin most identifies with Jinx, she sees bits of herself in each of the characters. A major reason is authenticity.

"They are all very real characters, (and) I'm really enjoying finding the realness, the trueness of all the characters," she said.

That realness is draped in what Carlin described as "laugh-out-loud hilarity."

"I love to find the funny, finding all the bits of humor and helping them come out," she said. "It's the director's job to help pull those really true moments out of the show."

Her goal is to help the actors blend hilarity with touching moments in an authentic way the audience can identify with.

"These four ladies are basically at a crossroads and not sure what their next step in life is," Carlin said. "I would like the audience to know that it's never too late for new beginnings, or new friends, or new journeys. Life is a journey."

Carlin hopes the audience will have a great time as they embark on a journey with the characters.

"I want them to have hope, and feel good at the end," she said. "They will be laughing out loud constantly throughout the show."

IN BRIEF

Wind Symphony concert is Saturday

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Andrews University Wind Symphony will partner with the Southwestern Michigan College Brass Band for the Wind Symphony Winter Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive.

The Brass Band will perform "Fanfare" from "La Peri" by Paul Dukas, "Emblem of Freedom March" by Karl King and "Dances from Terpsichore" by Michael Praetorius. They also will play "Nimrod" from "Enigma Variations" by Edward Elgar and "Fiesta" by Philip Sparke.

The Wind Symphony will perform Joseph Jenkins' "American Overture for Band," Gustav Holst's "First Suite in E flat" and Oliver Nickel's transcription of "Danzón No. 2." They also will perform Frank Ticheli's "Shenandoah" and "Song for My Children" by Andrew Boysen Jr.

Tickets can be purchased online at howard.andrews.edu. Tickets are $6 for general seating, and $4 for students and seniors.

For more information, call 471-3560.

Alan Parsons Live comes to Four Winds

NEW BUFFALO — The Alan Parsons Live Project will make a tour stop at Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, on May 1.

Tickets for the 9 p.m. show, which range from $29 to $69, go on sale Friday morning.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.fourwindscasino.com or by calling 866-494-6371.

Parsons is a Grammy-winning artist and music icon. He worked as assistant engineer on The Beatles last two albums. After he became a full-fledged recording engineer, he went on to work with Paul McCartney and The Hollies, among many others.

It was his contribution as an engineer on Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side Of The Moon" that got him the world's attention. That led to successes as a producer, notably with Pilot's "Magic," John Miles' "Highfly" and "Music," and Steve Harley's "Make Me Smile." He also produced "Year Of The Cat" with Al Stewart and two albums with Ambrosia.

In 1975, he met Eric Woolfson, who became his manager, and joined forces with Parsons as a songwriting and performing partner for what became known as The Alan Parsons Project.

Their albums include "Tales Of Mystery And Imagination," "I Robot," "Pyramid," "The Turn of a Friendly Card," "Eye in the Sky," "Ammonia Avenue," "Vulture Culture," "Stereotomy" and "Gaudi."

The current live band consists of Parsons on acoustic guitar, keyboards and vocals; P.J. Olsson on vocals; Tom Brooks on keyboards; Guy Erez on bass; Jeff Kollman on guitar and vocals; Danny Thompson on drums; Todd Cooper on sax, percussion and vocals; Dan Tracey on guitar and vocals.

Box Factory starts weekly jam sessions

ST. JOSEPH — The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., will offer Wednesday night jam sessions for musicians needing a stage to practice, perform or participate. Portrait painters also are invited.

The jammin' will begin next week and continue on Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m.

Those wanting to participate can sign up for a session by emailing anso91@yahoo.com.

The public is invited to listen for a suggested donation of $5.

ArtsBridge to host poetry reading

BENTON HARBOR — ArtsBridge will present its 12th annual Super Sunday Poetry Reading at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave.

Poetry lovers of all ages are invited to attend and share a favorite poem, or poems, they have written.

Possible topics could include nature, feelings, love, personal philosophy, diversity and spirituality.

"This (event) will take place in an intimate and non-intimidating setting," organizer Isabel Jackson said. "Attendees may read their own work, or have someone else read it. Participation is highly encouraged. All present will have the option to simply listen."

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

A reception will follow the program.

For more information, call 925-7075 or visit firstpresbh.org.

Musical Club welcomes Fisher

ST. JOSEPH — The Monday Musical Club's 7 p.m. Monday program, "From My Soul to Yours," will feature local singer Andrew Fisher.

While having a passion for classical music, Fisher is equally as passionate about jazz, soul, rock, R&B, show tunes, pop and more.

The program, which will be at The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., is free and open to the public.

Trained as a classical singer, Fisher studied vocal performance at Oakwood University in Alabama and Andrews University in Berrien Springs.

After spending time singing opera at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Florida, he moved back to Southwest Michigan to help the musical community here.

Fisher participates in multiple ventures, such as choral singing in community choirs, solo performances, guest appearances and performing in musicals.

His current passion is his jazz fusion group, The Andrew Fisher Quartet.

Fisher is a vocal instructor at the Citadel Dance & Music Center in Benton Harbor.

For more information visit mmcmi.org.

Box announces Kendall classes

ST. JOSEPH — The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., has announced new art and design courses from the Kendall College of Art and Design.

Classes for adults will begin weeknights on March 10 and run through April 23.

Explore Interior Design, try your hand at abstract painting, learn the basics of Adobe InDesign and more.

For more information, or to register for a class, call 616-259-1144, or visit kcad.edu/cs.

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